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ANCIENT ARABIC ORDER

OF THE

NOBLES OF THE MYSTIC SHRINE,

اشراف المسجد سري

FOR NORTH AMERICA.

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ANNUAL PROCEEDINGS,
1876 TO 1881.



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THE
IMPERIAL GRAND COUNCIL
OF THE
ANCIENT ARABIC ORDER
OF THE
NOBLES OF THE MYSTIC SHRINE,
FOR THE
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

FIRST SESSION-1876.

Pursuant to a call of the Past Potentates and legally constituted Nobles of the Ancient Arabic Order of the Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, the following named Nobles of the Order assembled at Masonic Hall, corner of Sixth Avenue and Twenty-third Street, in the City of New York, N. Y., on Nahar et Talata, the sixteenth day of the fifth Arabic month, Jamaz ul Awwal, 1293 A. H., answering to Tuesday, June 6, 1876 A. D., at two o'clock P. M., for the purpose of organizing

THE IMPERIAL GRAND COUNCIL
OF
THE ANCIENT ARABIC ORDER
OF
THE NOBLES OF THE MYSTIC SHRINE
FOR THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA :

PRESENT.

Noble WALTER M. FLEMING, Grand Potentate of Mecca Temple

- “ CHARLES T. McCLENACHAN, of Mecca Temple.
- “ GEORGE W. MILLAR,
- “ JOHN A. MOORE,
- “ WILLIAM S. PATERSON,
- “ WILLIAM V. ALEXANDER,
- “ JOHN E. BENDIX,
- “ EDWIN DU LAURANS,
- “ EDWARD M. L. EHLERS,
- “ PETER FORRESTER,
- “ WILLIAM FOWLER,
- “ WILLIAM D. MAY,
- “ SIDNEY P. NICHOLS,
- “ AARON L. NORTHROP,
- “ JAMES A. REED,
- “ W. WALLACE WALKER,
- “ J. H. HOBART WARD,
- “ GEORGE F. LODER, Grand Potentate of Damascus Temple.
- “ SAMUEL R. CARTER, of Damascus Temple.
- “ GEORGE SCOTT, of Paterson, N. J.

A Temple was opened in due form, Illustrious WALTER M. FLEMING, Grand Potentate of Mecca Temple, presiding.

ABSENT.

On calling the Roll, the following members and dignitaries of Mecca Temple were reported absent :

- Ill. W. WILLIAM J. FLORENCE,
- “ BENSON SHERWOOD,
- “ PHILIP F. LENHART,
- “ CHARLES P. MARRAT,
- “ ANGELO NOZIGLIA.

DECEASED.

The Ill. Grand Potentate announced the decease of the following Nobles, who were among the first thirteen who instituted the Order in the United States, and a suitable tribute of respect was paid to their memory :

- Noble SHERWOOD C. CAMPBELLin 1874.
- “ JAMES S. CHAPPELL.....on Jan. 3, 1875.
- “ OSWALD MERLE D'AUBIGNE.....on Jan. 9, 1875.
- “ EDWARD EDDY.....on Dec. 18, 1875.

FORMATION OF IMPERIAL GRAND COUNCIL.

The Imperial Grand Council of the Ancient Arabic Order of the Nobles of the Mystic Shrine for the United States of America was then duly organized, and the following were elected for the term of three years:

OFFICERS.

Most Ill.:	WALTER M. FLEMING.....	<i>Grand Potentate,</i>
	NEW YORK, N. Y.	
Very Ill.:	GEORGE F. LODER.....	<i>Deputy Grand Potentate,</i>
	ROCHESTER, N. Y.	
Ill.:	PHILIP F. LENHART.....	<i>Grand Chief Rabban,</i>
	BROOKLYN, N. Y.	
Ill.:	EDWARD M. L. EHLERS.....	<i>Grand Assistant Rabban,</i>
	NEW YORK, N. Y.	
Ill.:	WILLIAM H. WHITING.....	<i>Grand High Priest and Prophet,</i>
	ROCHESTER, N. Y.	
Ill.:	SAMUEL R. CARTER.....	<i>Grand Oriental Guide,</i>
	ROCHESTER, N. Y.	
Ill.:	AARON L. NORTHROP.....	<i>Grand Treasurer,</i>
	NEW YORK, N. Y.	
Ill.:	WILLIAM S. PATERSON.....	<i>Grand Recorder,</i>
	NEW YORK, N. Y.	
Ill.:	ALBERT P. MORIARTY.....	<i>Grand Financial Secretary,</i>
	NEW YORK, N. Y.	
Ill.:	JOHN L. STETTINIUS.....	<i>Grand First Ceremonial Master,</i>
	CINCINNATI, O.	
Ill.:	BENSEN SHERWOOD.....	<i>Grand Second Ceremonial Master,</i>
	NEW YORK, N. Y.	
Ill.:	SAMUEL HARPER.....	<i>Grand Marshal,</i>
	PITTSBURGH, PA.	
Ill.:	FRANK H. BASCOM.....	<i>Grand Captain of the Guard,</i>
	MONTPELIER, VT.	
Ill.:	GEORGE SCOTT.....	<i>Grand Outer Guard,</i>
	PATERSON, N. J.	

INSTALLED.

By invitation, the Officers were then duly installed by Noble CHARLES T. McCLENACHAN, and the Imperial Grand Council was proclaimed duly organized.

GRAND ORIENT.

On motion of Noble EDWARD M. L. EHLERS, it was—

Resolved, That the Grand Orient of this Imperial Grand Council shall be at the City of New York, N. Y.

PAST POTENTATES.

On motion of Noble GEORGE F. LODER, it was—

Resolved, That power be granted to each subordinate Temple, now instituted, to confer the office and grade of Potentate upon five of its members, for the purpose of creating Past Potentates for Honorary Membership in the Imperial Grand Council.

STATUTES AND REGULATIONS.

On motion of Noble CHARLES T. McCLENACHAN, it was—

Resolved, That a Committee of three be appointed for the purpose of draughting Statutes and Regulations for the government of this Imperial Grand Council and its Subordinates, said Committee also to act upon Dispensations and Charters.

The Most Illustrious Grand Potentate appointed as such Committee :

Noble CHARLES T. McCLENACHAN,

“ EDWARD M. L. EHLERS,

“ J. H. HOBART WARD.

CHARTER FEE.

On motion of Noble EDWARD M. L. EHLERS, it was—

Resolved, That the fee for a Charter to open a subordinate Temple of this Order shall be fifty dollars, which shall include one copy of the Ritual.

ANNUAL DUES.

On motion of Noble CHARLES T. McCLENACHAN, it was—

Resolved, That each subordinate Temple under the jurisdiction of this Imperial Grand Council shall pay to this Grand Body, annually, the sum of ten dollars, in lieu of any *per capita* tax.

MINIMUM FEE.

On motion of Noble GEORGE W. MILLAR, it was—

Resolved, That the minimum fee for initiation in subordinate Temples shall be ten dollars.

PREREQUISITES FOR THE ORDER.

On motion of Noble GEORGE F. LODER, it was—

Resolved, That the prerequisite for reception into the Order of the Nobles of the Mystic Shrine in the United States of America shall be that applicants shall be Knights Templar, according to the requirements of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar for the United States of America, as has prevailed previous to the organization of this Imperial Grand Council.

On motion of Noble EDWARD M. L. EHLERS, it was—

Resolved, That a Mason of the Thirty-second Degree, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, be also made a prerequisite for receiving the Order of the Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, thus making the prerequisite for receiving the Order of the Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, a Knight Templar or a Thirty-second Degree Mason of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite.

On motion of Noble AARON L. NORTHROP, it was—

Resolved, That this Imperial Grand Council grant its first Charter to Mecca Temple, of the City of New York, N. Y., bearing date of September 26, 1872, it being the first regularly organized Temple of the Order in the United States.

On motion, the reading of the Proceedings was dispensed with.

The Imperial Grand Council was closed in Ample Form, with due Invocation and Declaration.

The Proceedings of the First Session are hereby approved.

WALTER M. FLEMING,

M. I. I. GRAND POTENTATE.

ATTEST:

WILLIAM S. PATERSON,

ILL. I. GRAND RECORDER.

THE IMPERIAL GRAND COUNCIL

OF THE

ANCIENT ARABIC ORDER

OF THE

NOBLES OF THE MYSTIC SHRINE,

FOR THE

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

GRAND ORIENT, NEW YORK.

SECOND ANNUAL SESSION—1877.

Pursuant to notice, the Second Annual Session of the Imperial Grand Council of the Ancient Arabic Order of the Nobles of the Mystic Shrine for the United States of America was held at Masonic Temple, Albany, on Nahar et Talata, the twenty-second day of the first Arabic month, Moharrum, 1294 A. H., answering to Tuesday, February 6, 1877 A. D., at two o'clock P. M.

PRESENT.

- M. V. III. WALTER M. FLEMING.....Grand Potentate.
III. GEORGE F. LODER.....Deputy Grand Potentate.
“ CHARLES H. THOMSON.....as Grand Chief Rabban.
“ JESSE B. ANTHONY.....as Grand Assistant Rabban.
“ WILLIAM H. WHITING.....Grand High Priest and Prophet.
“ OTIS COLE.....as Grand Oriental Guide.
“ JOSEPH M. LEVEY.....as Grand Treasurer.
“ WILLIAM S. PATERSON.....Grand Recorder.
“ THEODORE E. HASLEHURST..as Grand First Ceremonial Master.
“ DAYTON BALL.....as Grand Second Ceremonial Master.
“ ROBERT H. WATERMAN.....as Grand Marshal.
“ WILLIAM H. GLADDING.....as Grand Captain of the Guard.
“ HERMAN H. RUSS.....as Grand Outer Guard.

Also Present :

Ill. : JOHN S. DICKERMAN.....Deputy, of Albany, N. Y.
 “ TOWNSEND FONDEY.....G. P. of Naja Temple.
 “ JAMES H. TEN EYCK..... G. P. of Cyprus Temple.

VISITORS.

A large number of Nobles of Damascus, Naja, and Cyprus Temples was present.

OPENING.

The Imperial Grand Council was opened in Ample Form, with due Invocation and Declaration.

ADMISSION OF NOBLES.

On motion of the GRAND RECORDER, it was—

Resolved, That all members of the Order in good standing be invited to attend this Session.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE FIRST SESSION.

The Proceedings of the First Session, of June 6, 1876, were read, and, on motion, approved.

ANNUAL ADDRESS.

The Most Illustrious Grand Potentate delivered the following Address :

NEW YORK, February 3, 1877.

ILLUSTRIOUS NOBLES OF THE IMPERIAL GRAND COUNCIL, ANCIENT ARABIC ORDER OF THE NOBLES OF THE MYSTIC SHRINE, FOR THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA :

The duty now devolves upon me, as the presiding officer of this Council, to briefly make my report respecting the origin and progress of the Order in this country.

It is some five years or more since I came into possession of detached and mutilated sections of the translation of the Ritual of the Arabic and Egyptian Order of the Mystic Shrine, brought to America by one of the foreign members and representatives, through the hands of Ill. : Brother Oswald Merle D'Aubigné, 32°. It was exceedingly imperfect and incomplete, and to a great extent badly translated and filled with unintelligible symbolism. Another portion was brought from Oriental

Europe by Ill. Brother William J. Florence, 32°, and some of the vague history and Ritualistic sections were brought from Cairo, Egypt, by Ill. Brother Sherwood C. Campbell, 32°. Those portions in the possession of Brother Florence were marked, and referred to certain sections of the Koran for notes and allusions, which greatly facilitated the compiling and revising of the Ritual to its present completion.

This was a task of no small magnitude, and was undertaken and completed through the efforts of Brother Florence and myself, aided by a professional linguist and Arabic scholar.

The Order was conferred upon several Illustrious Thirty-seconds and Thirty-thirds of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite of Masonry, and Knights Templar, in the City of New York, on June 16, 1871, as follows, including Brother Florence and myself :

SHERWOOD C. CAMPBELL,
JAMES S. CHAPPELL,
OSWALD MERLE D'AUBIGNÉ,
EDWARD EDDY,
CHARLES T. McCLENACHAN,
GEORGE W. MILLAR,
JOHN A. MOORE,
ALBERT P. MORIARTY,
WILLIAM S. PATERSON,
DANIEL SICKELS,
JOHN W. SIMONS.

On September 26, 1872, these thirteen Nobles organized the first Temple of the Order in the United States, and designated it Mecca Temple, of New York.

The Order then remained quiet and inactive until within the past year or more, when, on the return of Brother Florence from Europe, where he had witnessed the work exemplified in the most impressive form, he was exceedingly enthusiastic to promote the promulgation of the Order.

Owing to the death of four of the original members, little or nothing was done with it until 1875. It was decided then, by the proper authorities here, to select a certain number of reliable and prominent Thirty-third Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite Masons, when the Supreme Council, A. A. S. Rite, should meet, in August, 1876, in the City of New York, to confer the Order upon them, as well as upon some worthy Knights Templar, and invest them with the rights, privileges, and prerogatives of Past Potentates, or past presiding officers of Temples, for the purpose of advancing the interests of the Order, and the establishment of subordinate Temples.

The Illustrious Brethren selected by the Committee at that time to receive this honor were :

Ill. ORRIN WELCH.....	of Syracuse, N. Y.
" JOHN D. WILLIAMS.....	Elmira, N. Y.
" CHARLES H. THOMSON...	Corning, N. Y.
" TOWNSEND FONDEY.....	Albany, N. Y.
" JOHN S. DICKERMAN.....	Albany, N. Y.
" ROBERT WATERMAN.....	Albany, N. Y.
" JOHN F. COLLINS.....	New York, N. Y.
" JOHN L. STETTINIUS.....	Cincinnati, O.
" VINCENT L. HURLBUT.....	Chicago, Ill.
" SAMUEL HARPER.....	Pittsburgh, Pa.
" GEORGE SCOTT	Paterson, N. J.

The Order was conferred upon them in due form.

On the 6th of June, 1876, the Governing Body for the United States was formed at Masonic Temple, in the City of New York, and its officers elected for the term of three years, to date from its anticipated Session at Albany, in February, 1877, and I was honored with the position of Most Illustrious Grand Potentate, its presiding officer.

Committees were appointed on the various forms of work to be accomplished, and the Statutes and Regulations were completed by the Committee on Statutes, who were invested with power to perfect, print, and issue the same.

The original plate engravings, for the production of Dispensations, Charters, and Diplomas of the Imperial Grand Council, were executed in Paris, France, and the designs were taken from the arches and gateways of the Egyptian Temple of the Sun. The printing and colored transfers were perfected in the City of New York, where also the Statutes and Ritual were printed, and the Grand Seal procured.

Altogether, this work involved both a large expenditure and accruing indebtedness, a portion of which remains still unadjusted ; but a few hundred dollars will place the Imperial Grand Council out of debt for the obligations of the past.

The Diplomas of the Imperial Grand Council were placed at the small sum of two dollars, and each member required to hold one. We find that the expense of them is nearly equal to the stipulated amount to be received by the Grand Council. Therefore the revenue from that source is not a very encouraging one ; but when struck off in larger quantities hereafter, the expense will not be so great.

The first Temple of the Order, outside of Mecca Temple, New York, was instituted in the City of Rochester, New York, on February 8, 1875, under the title of Damascus Temple ; and great credit is due to Ill. Bro. George F. Loder, and his brother officers, for its success, and it is now evidently in a thriving condition.

Since that time, Dispensations have been granted to form the following Temples :

AL KORAN TEMPLE.....	Cleveland, O.
SYRIAN TEMPLE.....	Cincinnati, O.
MOUNT SINAI TEMPLE.....	Montpelier, Vt.
NAJA TEMPLE.....	Albany, N. Y.
CYPRUS TEMPLE.....	Albany, N. Y.

There are negotiations, inquiries, and applications from all quarters in regard to Dispensations.

Since the formation of the Imperial Grand Council, the entire time has been consumed in perfecting the matter necessary to form and open Temples. So it will be observed that the Order in this country is comparatively in its incubation or infancy. I think we have every reason to be highly gratified and encouraged with our progress up to the present time. All who have received the Order are evidently exceedingly well pleased with the impressiveness of the Ritualistic work and the sublime tenets of the Order. It could, no doubt, be made a most powerful Order, devoted to the welfare of Masonry in this country.

It has been the design and desire of the Grand Council, as well as the entire membership subordinate, to make it a select Order, uncontaminated with discordant elements and unworthy membership. There should at least be one pure and clean branch of Ancient Craftsmen, select and free from the inappreciative and unworthy. We trust, therefore, that, as it is a consummation most devoutly to be wished for, all will proceed with care, caution, and judgment, in regard to whom they honor with admission.

By observing this sentiment, the Mystic Shrine will rapidly increase in strength, stature, and true popularity, as an Order, doubly valuable because of its purity. There should not be an ambition to create fast, and increase the membership rapidly, but to proceed with great caution, to enlist only the faithful and desirable.

I cannot close without expressing an earnest appreciation of my co-workers in the promulgation of the Order. To Ill. Noble William J. Florence, Deputy at Large, are we all greatly indebted for his untiring zeal in aiding the perfection of the Order in America.

Also to Ill. Noble Charles T. McClenachan, for the able and efficient services rendered in aiding the perfection of the Statutes and Regulations.

Our praise and thanks are also eminently due (until better remunerated) to Ill. Noble Albert P. Moriarty, our Financial Secretary; and Ill. Noble William S. Paterson, Grand Recorder of the Grand Council. To Ill. Noble Moriarty is due all praise for his valuable services in correspondence, and engrossing Diplomas, Dispensations, and Charters. It is through the unwearied attention and efforts of Ill. Noble Moriarty

and Ill. Noble Paterson that we have been enabled to accomplish so much for the advancement of the Order, in the past few weeks, since the issue of our engraved and printed matter.

We now have quite a number of Temples formed and proceeding to work, and others in preparation. We have several representatives acting as Deputies at Large or Deputies of States. The Deputies at Large are Ill. Noble William J. Florence, now in San Francisco, Cal. ; Ill. Noble Jonathan J. French, of Chicago, Ill., and Ill. Noble John S. Dickerman, of Albany, N. Y. The Deputy for the State of Vermont is Ill. Noble Frank H. Bascom, of Montpelier. There are also numerous applicants for State Deputyships.

The Order is assuming a prosperous condition, and we have every reason to be gratified with its progress.

Mecca Temple, of New York, is not exemplifying the work at present, as the matter was left entirely to one or two others and myself, and my time has been so fully occupied with the duties of Most Illustrious Grand Potentate, in promoting the establishment of Temples, and the various requirements of the Imperial Grand Council, that it was impossible for me to carry on the work at home in a subordinate Temple.

Owing to the press of business in the hands of the Financial Secretary, a report cannot be rendered at this time of the exact financial status of the Grand Council. The Treasurer has had no funds thus far, but bills have been met, through the Financial Secretary, as fast as receipts came in. Some of us have personally been called upon to meet a number of urgent debts against the Grand Council.

By estimating an approximation to our financial status, I might say, perhaps, that the Grand Council is indebted at this time to the amount of three to five hundred dollars, which can soon be met, as Dispensations are granted, Diplomas issued, and Dues paid in. A year hence we should be upon a firm foundation, progressing finely, with an exchequer of no small proportions.

I desire to thank the officers, and the membership in general, who have aided the success of the Order by their efforts, and I feel confident that the result will exceed our most sanguine expectations; for we may now feel assured that it is destined to be a most popular and successful Order. And when it comes in the way of any of our co-workers to commend the cause to any desirable Brother, either personally or in correspondence, it will add greatly to the increase of subordinate Temples and the prosperity of the institution.

And so, wishing you all success, and with an earnest God speed, I am,

Fraternally yours to command,

WALTER M. FLEMING,

M. I. GRAND POTENTATE.

ADDRESS RECEIVED.

On motion of Noble ROBERT H. WATERMAN, the Most Illustrious Grand Potentate's Address was received, and ordered to be spread on the Record.

LETTERS OF REGRET.

The Most Illustrious Grand Potentate stated that he had received letters from the following Illustrious Nobles, expressing their regret at not being able to be present :

Noble FRANK H. BASCOM,
" SAMUEL R. CARTER,
" EDWARD M. L. EHLERS,
" PHILIP F. LENHART,
" AARON L. NORTHROP,
" GEORGE SCOTT,
" BENSEN SHERWOOD,
" JOHN L. STETTINIUS.

ORDER CONFERRED.

Noble JOHN S. DICKERMAN, Deputy at Large, of Albany, reported that he had conferred the Order on a number of Brethren of Troy, to constitute Oriental Temple, of which Ill. Noble Jesse B. Anthony is the Grand Potentate.

Also, on a number of Brethren at Binghamton, to constitute Chaldea Temple, of which Ill. Noble Clinton F. Paige is to be Grand Potentate.

GRIEVANCE.

Noble TOWNSEND FONDEY presented a grievance from Naja Temple, of Albany, in that a Dispensation had been granted to Cyprus Temple, of Albany, without the cognizance of the former Temple.

CHARTER FOR CYPRUS TEMPLE.

On motion of Noble TOWNSEND FONDEY, it was—

Resolved, That the Dispensation of Naja Temple be returned, and a Charter be granted to Cyprus Temple.

FUNDS OF NAJA TEMPLE.

The subject of funds, etc., of Naja Temple was, on motion, referred to the Most Illustrious Grand Potentate, with power.

CHARTER TO DAMASCUS TEMPLE.

On motion of Noble WILLIAM H. GLADDING, it was—

Resolved, That a Charter be granted to Damascus Temple, of Rochester, N. Y., to bear date of June 6, 1875, it having been organized under Dispensation issued February 8, 1875.

EXECUTIVE SESSION.

The Imperial Grand Council went into Executive Session, in order to consider matters relative to Active Members.

The following Nobles were duly proposed for Active Membership in this Imperial Grand Council :

Noble DAYTON BALL, of Albany, N. Y.

“ JOHN S. DICKERMAN, of Albany, N. Y.

“ TOWNSEND FONDEY, of Albany, N. Y.

“ ERASMUS D. JONES, of Albany, N. Y.

“ JAMES H. TEN EYCK, of Albany, N. Y.

“ ROBERT H. WATERMAN, of Albany, N. Y.

“ CLINTON F. PAIGE, of Binghamton, N. Y.

“ CHARLES H. THOMSON, of Corning, N. Y.

“ JOHN D. WILLIAMS, of Elmira, N. Y.

“ WILLIAM J. FLORENCE, of New York, N. Y.

“ CHARLES T. MCCLENACHAN, of New York, N. Y.

“ GEORGE W. MILLAR, of New York, N. Y.

“ JOHN W. SIMONS, of New York, N. Y.

“ ORRIN C. WELCH, of Syracuse, N. Y.

“ JESSE B. ANTHONY, of Troy, N. Y.

“ EDWARD B. COX, of Troy, N. Y.

They were duly balloted for, elected, and were then raised to the dignity of Past Potentate, and constituted Active Members of this Imperial Grand Council.

The number of Active Members to date is 30.

The Executive Session was then closed.

GRANTING CHARTERS.

On motion of Noble CHARLES H. THOMSON, it was—

Resolved, That the Most Illustrious Grand Potentate be empowered to grant Charters, in his discretion.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

The Most Illustrious Grand Potentate appointed the following Standing Committees :

I.—*Transactions of the Grand Officers.*

Noble CHARLES T. McCLENACHAN,

“ JOHN W. SIMONS,

“ WILLIAM H. WHITING.

II.—*Dispensations and Charters.*

Noble ALBERT P. MORIARTY,

“ FRANK H. BASCOM,

“ EDWARD M. L. EHLERS.

III.—*Finance and Accounts.*

Noble GEORGE F. LODER,

“ JOHN L. STETTINIUS,

“ SAMUEL HARPER.

IV.—*Grievances and Appeals.*

Noble WILLIAM J. FLORENCE,

“ GEORGE W. MILLAR,

“ BENSEN SHERWOOD.

V.—*Jurisprudence and Laws.*

Noble ROBERT H. WATERMAN,

“ TOWNSEND FONDEY,

“ PHILIP F. LENHART.

THANKS.

On motion of Noble GEORGE F. LODER, it was—

Resolved, That a vote of thanks be tendered to the Most Illustrious Grand Potentate for his arduous labors in the cause of the Mystic Shrine.

STATUTES AND REGULATIONS.

The Committee on Statutes presented the following Statutes and Regulations, which were unanimously adopted :

STATUTES AND REGULATIONS.

ARTICLE I.

OF THE IMPERIAL GRAND COUNCIL.

SECTION 1. The Imperial governing Body of the Order of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, shall be styled "The Imperial Grand Council for the United States of America," and shall consist of thirteen officers, who shall be designated and take rank as herein mentioned; and who shall be elected by ballot at the Triennial Assembly, holding their offices until their successors are elected and installed:

1. *The Most Illustrious Grand Potentate.*
2. " *Very* " *Deputy Grand Potentate.*
3. *The Illustrious Grand Chief Rabban.*
4. " " " *Assistant Rabban.*
5. " " " *High Priest and Prophet.*
6. " " " *Oriental Guide.*
7. " " " *Treasurer.*
8. " " " *Recorder.*
9. " " " *1st Ceremonial Master.*
10. " " " *2d Ceremonial Master, or Standard Bearer.*
11. " " " *Marshal.*
12. " " " *Captain of the Guard.*
13. " " " *Outer Guard.*

And twenty additional Illustrious Grand Potentates, who shall remain subscribing members of Temples working under the authority of this Imperial Grand Council, and they shall be styled *Active Members*.

The officers shall be elected by a majority vote to fill such positions. The officers and members herein above mentioned, shall alone be recipients of per diem and mileage when in attendance at the sessions of the Imperial Grand Council.

All Past Potentates who are contributing members of subordinate Temples shall be considered *Associate Members* of the Imperial Grand Council, entitled to a seat in the Council, but not a vote, unless duly elected to such authority by unanimous vote of the Council, and then only for the triennial term.

SEC. 2. Each of the thirty-three officers and Potentates first above enumerated, elected by State Grand Councils, as hereinafter provided, shall be entitled, when present, to one vote in all the proceedings of the Imperial Grand Council; except the Most Illustrious Grand Potentate, who, in case of a tie, may give the casting vote. The Illustrious Grand Potentates shall be elected for three years.

Every subordinate Temple, in regular session, shall, within six months of the triennial meeting for election of officers of the Imperial Grand Council, elect three delegates to meet in a State Grand Council within three months of the said session of the Imperial Grand Council, when upon organization they shall immediately proceed, elect, and enthrone the State pro rata of Potentates to serve in the Imperial Grand Council for the succeeding three years.

SEC. 3. Any officer or active member of this Imperial Grand Council who shall remove and reside permanently out of its jurisdiction; be suspended or expelled by a Subordinate Temple; or found guilty of a criminal offence by any State court of justice, shall thereby have vacated his office.

POWERS.

SEC. 4. The Imperial Grand Council being the supreme authority, its decisions on all questions appertaining to the Order shall be final. It shall have the exclusive right to control all the subordinate Temples of the Order within the jurisdiction of the United States. It has power to enact Laws, Statutes, and Regulations; to issue Edicts; to amend or repeal the same; to grant Dispensations and Charters for holding Temples of the Order of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine within this jurisdiction; to amend or revoke the same.

It may censure, suspend, and erase Temples; try, discipline, suspend, or expel its members for violation and disobedience of its Laws, Rules, Regulations, or Edicts.

To fill vacancies created under Sec. 3 of this Article for the balance of the triennial term, by a majority vote, at a Stated or Special Session; but such vacancy shall be filled by election from the State in which the vacancy was created.

To promulgate the Ritual; decide all appeals from its subordinates or their members; and do all lawful acts to promote the general interest of the Order.

OF SESSIONS.

SEC. 5. The Stated Sessions of this Imperial Grand Council shall be held annually, in each calendar year, at such time and place as may have been decided at a previous Session, and its elections shall be held at each Triennial Session.

SEC. 6. The Most Illustrious Grand Potentate shall have power to call Special Sessions in any emergency, at any time and place in his discretion, due notice being given to each subordinate Temple, and each member of this Imperial Grand Council, stating the business to be considered; and no other business, save that specified in the call or summons, shall be transacted.

COMMITTEES.

SEC. 7. The following Standing Committees, of three members each, shall be appointed by the M.^c. Illustrious G.^c. Potentate, who shall examine and report to the Council upon the several matters referred to them :

- On the Transactions of the Grand Officers ;
- On Dispensations and Charters ;
- On Finance and Accounts ;
- On Grievances and Appeals ;
- On Jurisprudence and Laws ;
- On Mileage and Pay of Representatives.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

SEC. 8. The election for officers shall be held at such time during the Triennial Session as may be determined by the Imperial Grand Council.

VOW OF OFFICE.

SEC. 9. The officers of this Imperial Grand Council, and of every subordinate Temple in this jurisdiction, before they enter upon the exercise of their respective duties, shall take the following obligation, viz.: "I, —, do solemnly promise and vow that I will faithfully, and to the best of my ability, discharge the duties of the office to which I have been elected, and that I will strictly conform to the requirements of the Statutes, Edicts, and Regulations of the Imperial Grand Council of the United States."

DECISION OF QUESTIONS.

SEC. 10. All questions shall be decided by a majority of votes, except alterations of these Statutes, as hereinafter provided for.

GRAND POTENTATE—POWERS AND DUTIES.

SEC. 11. The Most Illustrious Grand Potentate shall be elected for the term of three years, and may be re-elected.

He shall preside over all Stated and Special Sessions in this jurisdiction at which he is present, exercise a watchful supervision over all the subordinate Temples, and see that the Constitutional Enactments, Edicts, and Regulations of this Imperial Grand Council are duly and promptly observed. The Very Ill.^c. Deputy Grand Potentate, in the event of the death, removal, or physical disability of the M.^c. Ill.^c. Grand Potentate, shall act, with full power, in his place and stead, until the disqualification is removed. At all other times he shall perform such duties as may be designated by his Superior.

The Illustrious Chief Rabban and Illustrious Assistant Rabban, in the absence of their Superiors, shall severally and respectively assume the responsibilities and discharge the duties of their said superior officers, according to rank. At all other times they shall discharge the duties traditionally appropriated to their respective stations.

OF DISPENSATIONS FOR TEMPLES.

SEC. 12. The Most Illustrious Grand Potentate shall have power, during the recess, to grant Letters of Dispensation to seven or more petitioners, properly recommended, possessing the constitutional qualifications, empowering them to form and open a Temple of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. This Dispensation shall cease at the next Annual Session of the Imperial Grand Council, or be continued, recalled, or a Charter granted by order of the Imperial Grand Council.

SEC. 13. No Dispensation shall be issued unless the petition shall be recommended by the nearest Temple of the Order, and the petitioners give satisfactory evidence of good standing, of a suitable place of meeting, of possessing or having the ability to procure proper furniture and paraphernalia for the use of the Temple, and of being competent to conduct intelligently the ceremonies, work, and government thereof.

SEC. 14. The Most Illustrious Grand Potentate may confer the Order "at sight," but only for the purpose of organizing new Temples under Dispensation, and the fees thereof shall be returned to this Imperial Grand Council, and the minimum fee in such cases shall be five dollars for each member.

The pro rata of Illustrious Grand Potentates, for each State, shall be designated by Edict of this Imperial Grand Council.

OF THE GRAND TREASURER.

SEC. 15. It is the duty of the Illustrious Grand Treasurer to attend all Sessions of the Imperial Grand Council, with the books and papers of his office. Receive all moneys from the Illustrious Grand Recorder, giving his receipt therefor. He shall pay all orders authorized to be drawn on him by the Imperial Grand Council; and, before entering upon the duties of his office, give his bond to the Most Illustrious Grand Potentate in the sum of one thousand dollars; and shall, at each Annual Session, render a correct account of his receipts and disbursements; and, at the expiration of his term of office, he shall deliver to his successor all moneys, books, papers, or other property that may be in his possession, or under his control, as Grand Treasurer.

OF THE GRAND RECORDER.

SEC. 16. The Illustrious Grand Recorder shall attend all Sessions of the Imperial Grand Council, and keep a true record of all proceedings of the same, proper to be written, and all Dispensations and Charters issued by its authority. He shall collect all revenue due the Imperial Grand Council, and pay the same to the Illustrious Grand Treasurer, taking his receipt therefor.

He shall make an annual report of his accounts, and also the returns of all subordinate Temples, showing the present and past officers and members of each; also the admissions, rejections, suspensions, expulsions, resignations, and deaths. He shall have his books, papers, and accounts present at the opening of each Annual Session, prepared for examination by the Finance Committee; shall have in custody the Official Seal of the Imperial Grand Council, and affix it to all official communications; notify the members of the Imperial Grand Council of the Annual and Special Sessions, and perform such other duties, appertaining to his office, as may be required; and at the expiration of his term of office, deliver to his successor all books, papers, or other property in his possession, belonging to the Imperial Grand Council.

OF THE REMAINING OFFICERS.

SEC. 17. The remaining officers are to perform such duties as are appropriate to their several stations, or as may be assigned to them by the Imperial Grand Council or the Most Illustrious Grand Potentate.

OF COMMITTEES.

Transactions of the Grand Officers.

I. They shall have charge of all the reports of the Grand Officers, with the documents referred to, and report, by resolution or otherwise, what action should be taken, if any, by the Imperial Grand Council.

Charters and Dispensations.

II. They shall particularly examine the work and records of the Temples, under Dispensation or Charter, and report to the Imperial Grand Council such action as they shall deem proper.

Finance.

III. It shall be their duty to examine the books and vouchers of the Ill.^{us}. Grand Treasurer and Ill.^{us}. Grand Recorder, settle and balance the same, and report to the Imperial Grand Council the actual condition of the finances. All applications for a remission of fees and dues by subordinate Temples, shall be referred to this Committee, who shall report thereon to the Imperial Grand Council.

Grievances and Appeals.

IV. All matters of controversy and grievance brought before the Imperial Grand Council, shall be referred to this Committee, whose duty it shall be to examine into the same, and report the action thereon to the Imperial Grand Council.

Jurisprudence and Laws.

V. To them shall be referred all propositions to revise, alter, or amend the Statutes, Edicts, and Regulations of the Imperial Grand Council, as well as all other matters on questions of law or usage, and they shall report thereon, in writing, to the Imperial Grand Council.

FEES AND REVENUE.

SEC. 18. The revenue of the Imperial Grand Council shall be derived from the following sources :

For every Dispensation to form and open a Temple, which shall include the Charter, if afterward granted, fifty dollars (\$50). For every Knight receiving the Order of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine shall be paid two dollars (\$2), (which includes a Diploma of the Imperial Grand Council), which shall be forwarded immediately to the Ill. Grand Recorder, who shall forthwith issue a Diploma of the Imperial Grand Council. For each subordinate Temple chartered, ten dollars (\$10) per annum, and no per capita tax shall be levied by the Grand Body.

OF THE RITUAL.

SEC. 19. The Ritual, as promulgated by the Imperial Grand Council for the use of the Order in this jurisdiction of the United States, shall be adopted uniformly by every Temple, and no alterations or additions shall be made in the Ritual, except by authority of the Most Ill. Grand Potentate or the Imperial Grand Council, and any departure therefrom will be regarded as an indignity to the same.

ON REGALIA.

SEC. 20. The badges, jewels, and uniform for each office in this Order, as promulgated by the Imperial Grand Council in the Ritual and Statutes, shall be strictly adhered to, and any variation therefrom will be a violation of these Statutes.

EMBLEMS, JEWELS, AND COSTUMES.

The emblems for Altar drapery, Tomb, Banners, and Decorations, are the Pyramid, the Sphinx, the Crescent, and the Urn. In mourning drapery, the combination is the Sun with Rays, Moon and Stars.

Jewels: First, a Crescent charm, the original and universal Emblem, formed by two nails or claws of a Tiger, united at the base with Gold Band, and a Ring to suspend it, forming a Crescent, emblematic of strength and fury, to be hung points downward (the Crescent may be made of silver, gold, pearl, or any material fancied by the owner). *The Sphinx Head, The Panther-Bodied Female Sphinx, The Pyramid, The Urn, etc., are characteristic Jewels of the Order.*

COSTUMES AND JEWELS OF THE OFFICERS.

(May be made plain or expensive, as desired.)

Grand Potentate.—(Velvet) Purple Robe or Domino, flowing sleeves, trimmed with yellow or gold braid, yellow or gold-cloth Sash; high, purple and yellow silk or satin Turban, with Crescent gold and jewelled. Jewelled Sceptre with Crescent at top.

Jewel of Office.—Pyramid, with large gold-surfaced Sun with Rays, and a Frowning Face or Visage in the Sun, suspended from the left breast.

Chief Rabban —(Velvet) Bright Green Robe or Domino, full flowing sleeves, trimmed with Purple, and Broad Purple Sash, Green and Purple Turban, with Crescent at front.

Jewel of Office.—Pyramid, with Silver Moon, faced, suspended from left breast.

Assistant Rabban.—(Velvet) Blue Robe or Domino, large flowing sleeves, trimmed with Orange, Broad Orange Sash, Blue and Orange Turban, with Crescent at top.

Jewel of Office.—A Gold-faced Pyramid, covered with Silver Stars.

Most High Priest and Prophet.—Robe, made of woven metal cloth, Gilt, Silver, and colored, like damask; flowing sleeves, and fringed, broad, gold and yellow woven metal cloth Sash; tall, white Turban, crown-shaped, yellow, gold, and black jewelled, and carries a Crosier.

Jewel of Office.—Large gold form of Book, or Scroll, with Pyramid on one page, in silver, and Crescent on the other; suspended about the neck, hanging in front on the breast.

Oriental Guide.—(Velvet) Orange Robe or Domino, trimmed with purple ; broad purple Sash, Belt and Sword. Orange and purple Turban, Crescent in front ; carries long Arab Staff or Spear, trimmed at spear-head with orange and purple ribbons.

Jewel of Office.—Pyramid, with Gold-surfaced, Panther-Bodied, Female-Headed Sphinx ; suspended from left breast.

Treasurer.—Brown or snuff-colored Robe or Domino, trimmed with purple ; Turban, same material.

Jewel of Office.—Gold-surface Pyramid, with two Silver Keys on face ; suspended from left breast.

Recorder.—Light-brown Robe or Domino, trimmed with green ; Turban, same material.

Jewel of Office.—Gold-surface Pyramid, with two Silver Quill Pens on face ; suspended from left breast.

First Ceremonial Master.—Light-gray Robe or Domino, flowing sleeves, trimmed with black ; Turban, same material ; Sash, Belt, Sword, and Spear.

Jewel of Office.—Pyramid, with a pair of Crossed Silver Spears suspended from left breast.

Second Ceremonial Master, or Standard-Bearer.—Dark-gray Robe or Domino, flowing sleeves, all trimmed with blue ; Turban, same material ; Sash, Belt, and Sword.

Jewel of Office.—Pyramid, with two Silver Guidon Banners, or Flags, on Staff, suspended from left breast ; also carries Spear.

Marshal—White Robe or Domino, trimmed with orange, flowing sleeves, orange Sash, and carries a Baton, or Rod of Direction ; Turban, white, orange, and gold bound.

Jewel of Office.—A Pyramid, with a gold Sphinx Head, with large Crescent, with base on top of head, and points up ; suspended from left breast.

Captain of the Guard.—Dark-green Robe or Domino, flowing sleeves, trimmed with yellow ; Turban, same material ; yellow Sash ; Belt, and Sword.

Jewel of Office.—Pyramid, with two Silver Crossed Scimitars ; suspended from left breast.

Outer Guard.—Dark-blue Robe or Domino, trimmed with purple ; Turban, same material ; purple Sash, Belt, and Sword.

Jewel of Office.—Pyramid, with one Silver Scimitar ; suspended from left breast.

Costumes for additional inside officers and members for secret work will be found in the Ritual.

ENTHRONEMENT.

SEC. 21. Previous to the enthronement of a Potentate elect, the Imperial Grand Council requires his assent to the following Ordinances, viz. :

First. Do you solemnly vow upon your honor, that you will exert your best endeavors to promote the true happiness of your brother Nobles of the Mystic Shrine?

Second. That you will endeavor to promote the general good of the Order, and preserve the solemnity of our Ceremonies with profound respect and reverence?

Third. That you will not acknowledge or have intercourse with any Temple that does not work under constitutional authority as recognized by the Imperial Grand Council?

Fourth. That you will ever maintain and support the authority of the Imperial Grand Council for the United States, and enforce obedience to its Statutes, Edicts, and Regulations?

Do you submit to all these Ordinances, and promise to observe and practise them faithfully?

ARTICLE II.

SUBORDINATE TEMPLES—HOW CONSTITUTED.

SECTION 1. All regular subordinate Bodies of the Nobles of the Mystic Shrine are termed Temples, and shall consist of the following officers :

1. *Illustrious Grand Potentate.*
2. " *Chief Rabban.*
3. " *Assistant Rabban.*
4. " *High Priest and Prophet.*
5. " *Oriental Guide.*
6. " *Treasurer.*
7. " *Recorder.*
8. " *First Ceremonial Master.*
9. " *Second Ceremonial Master, or Standard-Bearer.*
10. " *Marshal.*
11. *Captain of the Guard.*
12. *Outer Guard.*

And as many members as the Temple may admit.

The first seven officers shall be elected annually by ballot. The remaining officers shall be appointed by the Ill. Grand Potentate.

SEC. 2. The Ill. Grand Potentate is specially charged to see that the By-laws of his Temple are duly observed, as well as the Constitutions, Statutes, and Regulations of the Imperial Grand Council; that accurate records are kept and just accounts rendered; that regular returns are made to the Imperial Grand Council, and that the annual dues are promptly paid; that not less than two sessions are held annually, of which one shall be held in December.

SEC. 3. The fee for the Order of the Nobles of the Mystic Shrine shall not be less than ten dollars.

SEC. 4. No application for the Order shall be received, unless the applicant is a regular Knight Templar, according to the requirements of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar for the United States of America, or a 32d Degree Mason of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite.

SEC. 5. The duties of the officers of the Temple shall be those assigned to them in the Ritual, and as traditionally appropriated to them respectively, as also those defined in the Statutes.

SEC. 6. If, upon the balloting for a candidate, subsequent to a favorable report, a black ball shall appear, another ballot shall immediately be had, but no more; upon the appearance of a black ball a second time, the candidate shall be declared rejected, and disqualified from making a second application for thirteen weeks.

Special Sessions may be called by the Grand Potentate, but no business can be transacted save that specified in the call. At Special Sessions no petitions for the Order of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, or affiliations, can be received; nor can the ballot be spread for candidates; nor can the funds of the Temple be voted away.

All questions shall be determined by a majority of votes. Should there be a tie, the presiding officer may give the casting vote.

No appeal shall lie to the Session from the decision of the Potentate.

SEC. 7. Every Temple formed in this jurisdiction shall select an ancient Arabic or Egyptian name, according to the ancient Laws of the Order. List of names will be found in the Ritual from which to select.

SEC. 8. Every Temple in this jurisdiction shall have a seal, giving the name thereof, an impression of which shall be deposited with the Ill. Grand Recorder.

MEMBERS.

SEC. 9. Membership may be terminated by voluntary dimission, on payment of all indebtedness to the Temple; or by expulsion, after due trial, and a vote of three-fourths of the members present when the vote is taken.

SEC. 10. Membership is suspended by a member uniting in the formation of a Temple under Dispensation, and dissolved by the granting of a Charter to the new Temple, unless the member gives notice in writing, or personally in open Session, at or before the surrender of the Dispensation, of his intention to resume his former membership. A member can be in active membership in but one Temple at the same time.

Honorary membership can be conferred by subordinate Temples upon any member of this Order, by a majority vote, as a compliment; but such membership confers no rights or privileges.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

SEC. 11. Each Temple shall hold its annual election at the first stated Session in December, and the installation of officers shall take place on the first succeeding Session.

SEC. 12. Every subordinate Temple shall, on or before the 15th day of January in each year, transmit to the Ill.^{.o} Grand Recorder, in such form as shall be furnished, its annual return, accompanied by the dues to the Imperial Grand Council, viz.: ten dollars (\$10) annual payment to the Grand Body.

Any Temple neglecting or refusing to make its annual returns on or before January 15th, accompanied by fees and dues, shall be notified thereof; and if, after three months' notice, it fail to fully comply, it shall be suspended until restored by a vote of the Imperial Grand Council.

SEC. 13. When a Temple is disbanded or dissolved, by neglecting to make its returns, or pay its dues, or by improper conduct, or by death or resignation of its members, it shall be the duty of the last Ill.^{.o} Grand Potentate, Treasurer, and Recorder, within three months after its dissolution, to surrender to the Grand Recorder the warrant, books, papers, jewels, furniture, and funds of such Temple, together with an inventory thereof. No Knight of such Temple shall be admitted into any other Temple, nor entitled to the benefits of the Brotherhood, until he shall have paid to the Ill.^{.o} Grand Recorder all his arrears.

SEC. 14. The suspension or expulsion of a Knight Templar in his Commandery, or a 32d S. P. R. S. in his Consistory, shall, *ipso facto*, cause his suspension or expulsion from his Temple in this Order. His reinstatement by the Commandery or Consistory restores him to his previous standing in this Order.

AMENDMENTS.

SEC. 15. Proposed alterations or amendments to these Statutes shall be in writing, and referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence and Laws, who shall report at the next Annual Assembly, and it shall require a vote of two-thirds of the members present to adopt the same.

CLOSING.

The reading of the Proceedings was dispensed with.

The Imperial Grand Council was closed in Ample Form, with due Invocation and Declaration.

The Proceedings of the Second Session are approved.

WALTER M. FLEMING,
M. I. GRAND POTENTATE.

ATTEST:

WILLIAM S. PATERSON,
ILL. GRAND RECORDER.

THE IMPERIAL GRAND COUNCIL

OF THE

ANCIENT ARABIC ORDER

OF THE

NOBLES OF THE MYSTIC SHRINE,

FOR THE

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

GRAND ORIENT, NEW YORK.

THIRD SESSION-1878.

Pursuant to notice, the Third Annual Session of the Imperial Grand Council of the Ancient Arabic Order of the Nobles of the Mystic Shrine for the United States of America was held at Masonic Temple, New York, N. Y., on Leylet el Khamis, the fourth day of the second Arabic month, Safar, 1295 A. H., answering to Wednesday, February 6, 1878 A. D., at eight o'clock P. M.

PRESENT.

- M. : Ill. : WALTER M. FLEMING.....Grand Potentate.
Ill. : CHARLES T. MCCLENACHAN...as Deputy Grand Potentate.
" PHILIP F. LENHART.....Grand Chief Rabban.
" EDWARD M. L. EHLERS.....Grand Assistant Rabban.
" GEORGE W. MILLARas Grand High Priest and Prophet.
" WILLIAM D. MAY.....as Grand Oriental Guide.
" AARON L. NORTHROP.....Grand Treasurer.
" WILLIAM S. PATERSON.....Grand Recorder.
" ALBERT P. MORIARTYGrand Financial Secretary.
" EDWIN DU LAURANS.....as Grand First Ceremonial Master.
" BENSON SHERWOOD.....Grand Second Ceremonial Master.
" PETER FORRESTER.....as Grand Marshal.
" WILLIAM FOWLER.....as Grand Captain of the Guard.
" GEORGE SCOTT.....Grand Outer Guard.

A number of the members of Mecca Temple was also present.

OPENING.

The Imperial Grand Council was opened in Ample Form, with due Invocation and Declaration.

INFORMAL SESSION.

The Illustrious Grand Potentate stated that he had notified the Officers and Active Members of the Imperial Grand Council, in due time, that it would be unnecessary to call them together for a regular session, as there was comparatively very little to be done, and did not warrant the individual expense of those at a distance who should feel compelled to assemble at Albany, N. Y., and he therefore gave notice that an informal Session would be held in New York, N. Y., where a large number of the Officers and members resided, at which a general statement of the previous year would be given.

During the year, a Charter was granted to Oriental Temple, of Troy, N. Y., and it is in a flourishing condition. Dispensations were also issued to form Mohammed Temple, of New Haven, Conn.; to form Pyramid Temple, of Bridgeport, Conn.; to form Syria Temple, of Pittsburgh, Pa.; and to form Ziyara Temple, of Utica, N. Y.

Many inquiries are made throughout the United States in relation the Order, and the prospects are favorable for its prosperity.

There being no business to transact, the Imperial Grand Council was closed in Ample Form, with due Invocation and Declaration.

The Proceedings of the Third Session are approved.

WALTER M. FLEMING,

M. I. GRAND POTENTATE.

ATTEST :

WILLIAM S. PATERSON,

ILL. GRAND RECORDER.

THE IMPERIAL GRAND COUNCIL

OF THE

ANCIENT ARABIC ORDER

OF THE

NOBLES OF THE MYSTIC SHRINE,

FOR THE

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

GRAND ORIENT, NEW YORK.

FOURTH SESSION-1879.

Pursuant to notice, the Fourth Annual Session of the Imperial Grand Council of the Ancient Arabic Order of the Nobles of the Mystic Shrine for the United States of America, was held at Masonic Temple. Albany, N. Y., on Nahar el Khamis, the twelfth day of the second Arabic month, Safar, 1296 A. H., answering to Wednesday, February 5, 1879 A. D., at two o'clock P. M.

PRESENT.

M., Ill.,	WALTER M. FLEMING.....	Grand Potentate.
Ill.,	GEORGE F. LODER.....	Deputy Grand Potentate.
"	TOWNSEND FONDEY.....	as Grand Chief Rabban.
"	EDWARD M. L. EHLERS.....	Grand Assistant Rabban.
"	SAM BRIGGS.....	as Grand High Priest and Prophet.
"	JOHN S. DICKERMAN.....	as Grand Oriental Guide.
"	JOSEPH M. LEVEY.....	as Grand Treasurer.
"	WILLIAM S. PATERSON.....	Grand Recorder.
"	ALBERT P. MORIARTY	Grand Financial Secretary.
"	CHARLES H. THOMSON.....	as Grand First Ceremonial Master.
"	JOHN D. WILLIAMS.....	as Grand Second Ceremonial Master.
"	ROBERT H. WATERMAN.....	as Grand Marshal.
"	JESSE B. ANTHONY.....	as Grand Captain of the Guard.
"	FRAZIER W. HURLBURT	as Grand Outer Guard.

A number of Nobles of the Order was also present.

OPENING.

The Imperial Grand Council was opened in Ample Form, with due Invocation and Declaration.

ADMISSION OF NOBLES.

On motion of Noble EDWARD M. L. EHLERS, it was—

Resolved, That all members of the Order in good standing be invited to be present at this Session.

PROCEEDINGS APPROVED.

The Proceedings of the Annual Sessions of 1877 and 1878 were read, and, on motion, approved.

ANNUAL ADDRESS.

The Most Illustrious Grand Potentate delivered the following Address :

NEW YORK, January 30, 1879.

TO THE OFFICERS AND MEMBERS OF THE IMPERIAL GRAND COUNCIL
OF NOBLES OF THE MYSTIC SHRINE, FOR THE UNITED STATES OF
AMERICA :

ILLUSTRIOUS NOBLES: We are again assembled in Grand Session, as members and representatives of this Imperial Grand Council, for the purpose of promoting the best interests, welfare, and success of this Oriental Institution, this being the Third Regular Session of this Grand Body since its organization, in the City of New York, in June, 1876.

After organization, the First Annual Session was called to meet in the City of Albany, in February, 1877.

The following Annual Session, which was to have been called for February, 1878, in the same city, was postponed until the present time, as the calling together of the members, many of them from a great distance, was regarded as comparatively unnecessary. There being but little business to transact, and the funds of the Grand Council being somewhat at an ebb, it was regarded as inexpedient to summon the Council at that time; the entire workings and advancement of the Order being depressed, in common with all other institutions, in consequence of the embarrassed condition of the entire financial and commercial world.

There was, however, an informal meeting of the members, in and adjacent to the City of New York, and all necessary business looked after up to that time; and, indeed, including all the interval up to the present Session.

Nothing of great importance has transpired requiring the executive action of this Grand Council. It was therefore deemed advisable to avoid subjecting the members to the unnecessary expense of transportation, personal expenses, and the time it would involve. Hence the Session (Regular) was postponed until this time. And even now there exists no prospect of accomplishing or fulfilling the constitutional clause in regard to mileage and per diem, the exchequer of the Grand Council being still in a state of impoverishment. It was for this reason that the notice announcing this Session bore palpable allusions to that deficiency, with a view of awakening a little interest in the existence and welfare of the Institution.

Little has evidently been achieved, either in our financial status or the perfection of our work. Still, however embarrassed as it may now appear, we should not despair, as it is the universal and inevitable result of the calamitous apathy of all branches of business, even where men devote almost their entire time to promote its prosperity and success, and too often without a continued existence of the daily calling in which they may be engaged. Consequently, all the associations of

alliance have more or less keenly felt the depressing influence thus accruing from a world's embarrassment in all its resources and interests. We must, therefore, calmly accept the situation, in common with the masses, and remember that, if such a large representation of allied bodies, and of such age and strength as many we could name, even under deeper depression than this Institution, many of which have been compelled to succumb to the decimating influences of the present stringent time, and those who survive, are still suffering from lack of interest in their membership, and, consequently, empty coffers, we should at least feel thankful that we still exist, and not without prospect of a speedy success and a growing popularity.

The crisis of the almost paralyzed commerce of the world, we trust, has passed, and we may now hopefully look for a revival in all branches, and a wholesome return to prosperity and plenty. And we even now have every reason to believe that the success and advancement of the Order of the Shrine will be numbered among the first to make rapid strides toward perfect position, and there stand second to none in the country.

Innumerable communications of inquiry are continually being received, and an almost universal expression of desire to espouse the cause, inaugurate Temples, and proceed with the work. But the stern result of "hard times" is the obstacle in the way of a realization of their earnest wishes. And the characteristic and prevailing postscript almost invariably says: "We hope very soon to apply for authority." And we sincerely trust that a speedy and renewed vitality will spring up in the world of commerce, and thereby further the advancement of all our desires.

THE FRATERNAL DEAD.

During the lapse of time since the inauguration of this Order in this country, the destroying angel has been busy among us, and plucked from our ranks some of our most zealous and sterling craftsmen.

The records, minutes, and transactions of the several bodies of which our departed Fraters were in membership are replete with obituaries, eulogies, and praises of their merit and moral worth. Still, it is none the less our desire, as well as our duty, to render to their memories that tribute of respect ever due to our associates and brothers who have gone before us, and to express our love and appreciation of their noble qualities, and fold the broad mantle of charity about their faults, as they are of the number of those with whom we have associated, respected, and held in high esteem, which has not unfrequently ripened into a firm and manly love. They have met with us for the last time. Themortal ties that united them with us in intimate relations of friend-

ship and brotherly love have been severed, and here we shall see their forms no more. They have cast off the mortal garb, and assumed the robes of immortality. They have resigned their positions of confidence and trust in our Temples, and affiliated with the cohorts of eternity. And with our faith in immortality, we do believe that they are welcomed to another and a better sphere.

Among the first departed Brothers, and of whom notice has been inscribed before, are: Ill. Bro. Oswald Merle D'Aubigné, 32°; Edward Eddy, 33°; S. C. Campbell, 32°, and J. S. Chappell, 32°. Obituaries and eulogies dedicated to the memories of these estimable gentlemen and faithful Brothers were set apart and devoted to their praise, at a time when the affliction at their loss was keenly felt, and an earnest endeavor made to render full justice to their merits, as far as words could portray our appreciation of their worth and our grief at their taking off.

On the 6th of November, 1876, Ill. Bro. John A. Moore, 32°, was taken from us, after a severe and protracted illness. Bro. Moore was one marked Noble beyond the average of our fellow men, a zealous, earnest Mason, an estimable gentleman, a sincere and true friend, and a most charitable, upright man in all the walks of life. None knew him well but to admire, esteem, and love him. Equalled by few, and excelled by none, for his manly nature, his generous impulses, and his sterling principles, I personally regarded him as chief among my nearest and dearest friends, and therefore deeply feel the loss.

On the 16th day of November, 1877, Ill. Bro. Eugene B. Fairchild, 32°, was called by an All-wise Providence to the future existence. He died at the Hoffman House, in the City of New York, after a few months' illness of lung disease, terminating in tubercular consumption. Bro. Fairchild's membership in the various grades of the Craft had been of but short duration; therefore he was not as well known to many of you, as in the immediate surroundings of his Brethren where invested with the degrees, grades, and orders, so shortly attained prior to his demise.

Through the retirement of Bro. Bensen Sherwood from the position of Grand Second Ceremonial Master, or Standard Bearer, of this Imperial Grand Council, Ill. Bro. Fairchild was temporarily appointed to fill that office; but within a very short time after that appointment his death rendered the position again vacant, which was filled by the reappointment of Noble Sherwood.

Bro. Fairchild was highly esteemed as a most genial, kind-hearted, and generous associate, and an earnest, zealous Mason, possessed of the warmest impulses and most charitable nature, a sincere and self-sacrificing friend, and an honorable man. In losing him, the Craft is deprived of an enthusiastic lover of all the precepts and principles, and an ambitious searcher after knowledge in its mysteries.

On the evening of March 21, 1878, Ill. Bro. Orrin Welch, 33°, an Active Member of the Supreme Council of Sovereign Grand Inspectors General, 33d Degree, Northern Masonic Jurisdiction, United States of America, and Ill. Deputy of that Grand Body for the State of New York, and Past Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of the State of New York, died at his residence, in the City of Syracuse. Bro. Welch was among the first of the membership of this Imperial Grand Council, and has filled all the prominent positions in the Masonic departments, both superior and subordinate, leaving a lasting and memorable record achieved by few. Words are inadequate to portray a more vivid realization of his worth than have already been penned in honor of his memory; and to that tribute, so widely spread and so universally indorsed, and with which all are conversant, additional praise, at this time, would seem superfluous, when such master eulogies defy all attempts to excel.

Upon Active Members of this Imperial Grand Council devolve the duties of presenting appropriate tributes to the memories of these our departed Brethren.

CHARTERS AND DISPENSATIONS.

As there has been no detailed report submitted to this Imperial Grand Council during its brief existence, perhaps it would be most proper to give, at this time, an entire recapitulation of all that has transpired under this head, since the formation of this Imperial Grand Council.

The first subordinate Temple was authorized in the City of New York, known under the name of Mecca Temple.

The second, Damascus Temple, in the City of Rochester, N. Y.

Third, Al Koran Temple, Cleveland, Ohio.

Fourth, Mt. Sinai Temple, Montpelier, Vt.

Fifth, Syrian Temple, Cincinnati, Ohio.

Sixth, Cyprus Temple, Albany, N. Y.

Seventh, Naja Temple, Albany, N. Y.

Eighth, Oriental Temple, Troy, N. Y.

Ninth, Mohammed Temple, New Haven, Conn.

Tenth, Pyramid Temple, Bridgeport, Conn.

Eleventh, Syria Temple, Pittsburgh, Pa.

Twelfth, Ziyara Temple, Utica, N. Y.

Thirteenth, Medina Temple, Atchison, Kan.

Fourteenth, Pyramid Temple, Davenport, Iowa.

These Temples have each been duly organized under Dispensation, and nearly all have been duly Chartered.

There have been several applications for Dispensations, which were not granted, in consequence of non-compliance with some one or more requirements of the Statutes and Regulations. Therefore, negotiations were closed until such time as this Imperial Grand Council should hold its Annual Session, and dispose of the applications under constitutional authority.

In one or two instances, the Grand Recorder nor the Financial Secretary has received the usual fees for Dispensations, neither can any report or account of reasons for such delinquency be obtained. This, therefore, becomes a subject matter for the action of this Grand Body, through its properly authorized committee.

Many of these Temples, whose jurisdiction lies far distant from our Grand East, or Oriental Centre, have been created by "Letters Patent," that being the only means whereby our distant Brethren could consistently obtain authority for inaugurating their work. This process has necessarily subjected your presiding officer to the issuing of an endless succession of communications of instructions, directions, and advices, in order to satisfy all demands and answer all inquiries.

CONDITION OF THE ORDER.

I am gratified to report a manifest interest in the perfection of the work and the prosperity of the Order, and with the awakening of the long existing apathy in all business interests, we may expect a formidable advancement of our Order. Many Temples are perfecting their paraphernalia, and improving their facilities for rendering creditable and impressive work, and many applicants are awaiting the opportunity to open new Temples and proceed to the full exemplification of the Order.

REPORTS OF DEPUTIES.

I regret to say that little or no information has been received, of late, from our Representatives at Large. In 1877 and 1878, some members were created at great distances from us, and their Diplomas applied for, and duly made out and transmitted.

The delinquency which exists in regard to the constitutional returns of subordinate Temples to this Imperial Grand Council, as well as the neglect to provide the membership with Diplomas, requires the special notice and action of this Council.

I would respectfully suggest the propriety of so providing in the Statutes and Regulations that the Diploma fee be included in the initiation fee, and each Temple thereby held responsible for the transmission

of the Diploma fee to the Ill.^{us} Grand Financial Secretary of this Imperial Grand Council, and the Diploma secured.

RITUAL.

In the primary stage of our adoption of the Ritual, much care was necessary to apply it acceptably to modern, and particularly American, institutions, and their requirements. This was agreeably accomplished, but after more mature experience in the work, we find still many improvements suggest themselves, and readily conceive the feasibility of rendering the esoteric work far more consistent, and thereby more impressive to an "Anglo-Saxon" mind. Such alterations as are deemed advisable have already been marked out by your Committee on Ritual, and I would respectfully commend the Ritual as amended to your indorsement, after being submitted to your inspection, or intrust it to the care of same committee, with power of presenting it as the authentic and constitutionally adopted work, their experience having been such as to ably qualify them for the issue of most desirable, consistent, and meritorious conception of the requirement.

I would also suggest the propriety and expediency of issuing a revised copy of the history of the Order, for the advancement of the interests of the Institution.

FINANCIAL.

The details of the receipts and expenditures of the Grand Body I deem it unnecessary to occupy your time with, as this will be submitted, as far as possible, in the Report of the Ill.^{us} Grand Financial Secretary and Recorder. I will, however, state for the information of the Council, that the moneys due this Grand Body, from subordinate Temples and Diploma fees for their membership, would nearly, if not quite, place us beyond the embarrassment of indebtedness. The time, toil, and expenditure that have been entailed upon a certain few, in the effort to advance the interests of the Order, would fill a volume to recapitulate, and can only be realized by a careful investigation of the entire work for the past three or more years.

I would respectfully suggest that a fee or salary be set apart for the services of our Ill.^{us} Grand Recorder and Financial Secretary.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

At our last Session there were some important matters which now demand our attention.

There existed an unfortunate misunderstanding in the City of Albany in regard to the propriety of the existence of two subordinate Bodies in

the same city; the final result of which was that Naja Temple voluntarily relinquished their intention of proceeding to the work, and left Cyprus Temple the entire field in this jurisdiction. What has been accomplished by Cyprus Temple remains to be seen from the report of said Temple to this Imperial Grand Council. The works of said Temple I am not at present conversant with.

RITUAL.

The Committees on Ritual and Statutes reported in due time, and their work, up to the present time, has been acceptably performed. The Committees who have, as yet, made no report, probably will do so during the present Session.

The issue of our printed transactions, etc., it was deemed advisable to omit for the time being, until our condition was such as to warrant us in incurring the necessary expense for the same.

And in the event of issuing a new and corrected Ritual, some provision should be made by this Grand Body whereby the desired object may be accomplished without subjecting any individual representative to personal obligation for the same.

The same would appropriately apply in the event of the publication of a new History, which should be done under the sanction of constitutional authority, and not incur individual indebtedness.

I would earnestly recommend that all these important matters be disposed of, as far as possible, at this Session.

CONCLUSION.

Now being fairly inaugurated and well organized, I desire to press upon the members the necessity of a little effort, in desirable directions, to promote our prosperity; to inaugurate Temples, and secure only a desirable membership, and thus advance the success and strength of our Order, and develop a praiseworthy ambition to render beautiful and impressive work, such work as the Ritual provides for interesting ceremonies. There is none which can excel when our work is fully rendered, and no Temple can fail to prosper and increase in strength and stature where the ceremonies are properly exemplified.

I desire to call the attention of the Imperial Grand Council to the fact that the coming June will terminate the term of office of the present official corps of this Grand Body, it being the expiration of the triennial term. And if it be deemed advisable, by the judgment of this Council, it may be summoned into Session, in the City of New York, during the meeting of the State Grand Lodge of F. & A. M., as is the intention of the Council of Deliberation, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite. And

it would, no doubt, be advisable, at least for the near future, to hold our Sessions *in June*, and *in the City of New York*, during our Grand Lodge Communications; and should have, no doubt, been called into Session in June of the present year, instead of our present meeting, could the membership have been consulted. The principal object in meeting here was to favor the presence of such members as would undoubtedly be present, to attend one or both of the Masonic Representative Bodies annually convening at this time and place.

Since the issue of our notice, we learn that the Council of Deliberation, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, has postponed their annual rendezvous until June, to convene in the City of New York.

It rests with this Council to decide the question of a June Session, and election of officers for the ensuing triennial term, also the advisability of henceforth (until otherwise provided) holding our Annual Sessions at that time and place. Personally, I am decidedly in favor of such a provision; not, however, from personal motives, but I have no doubt such a course would insure us a larger attendance, on account of the ever-unfailing large representation of Brethren in New York City at that time. Besides, it would prove much more acceptable to a large number of our representatives, who, if they attend at all, are compelled to travel great distances, and would, no doubt, far prefer the Spring and New York to midwinter in Albany. Independent of all this, the Masonic representation in New York, in June, would certainly insure us larger attendance than any other time or place which could be selected.

Submitting all these suggestions to your able care, and congratulating you upon your promising status,

I remain, fraternally yours,

WALTER M. FLEMING,

M. I. GRAND POTENTATE.

ADDRESS RECEIVED.

On motion of Noble EDWARD M. L. EHLERS, it was—

Resolved, That the Address be received, and the various subjects which required attention be laid before the appropriate Committees, under the direction of the Most Illustrious Grand Potentate.

NAJA TEMPLE.

On motion of Noble GEORGE F. LODER, it was—

Resolved, That the Dispensation of Naja Temple, which includes the privilege of a Charter, be held in favor of Noble TOWNSEND FONDEY and companions, subject to their order.

JURISDICTION OF TEMPLES.

Noble SAM BRIGGS offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the jurisdiction of a subordinate Temple shall include no more than the territory under the jurisdiction of two adjacent Com-manderies of Knights Templar, of distinct and separate jurisdictions, or the territory under the cognizance of a Body of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite.

On motion, the Resolution was referred to the Committee on Juris-prudence and Laws.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

The Most Illustrious Grand Potentate appointed the following Standing Committees :

I.—*Transactions of the Grand Officers.*

Noble CHARLES T. MCCLENACHAN,

“ JOHN W. SIMONS,

“ WILLIAM H. WHITING.

II.—*Dispensations and Charters.*

Noble ALBERT P. MORIARTY,

“ FRANK H. BASCOM,

“ EDWARD M. L. EHLERS.

III.—*Finance and Accounts.*

Noble GEORGE F. LODER,

“ JOHN L. STETTINIUS,

“ SAMUEL HARPER.

IV.—*Grievances and Appeals.*

Noble WILLIAM J. FLORENCE,

“ GEORGE W. MILLAR,

“ BENSEN SHERWOOD.

V.—*Jurisprudence and Laws.*

Noble ROBERT H. WATERMAN,

“ TOWNSEND FONDEY,

“ PHILIP F. LENHART.

COMMITTEE ON RITUAL AND STATUTES.

The Committee on Ritual and Statutes was continued as follows :

Noble CHARLES T. MCCLENACHAN,
“ EDWARD M. L. EHLERS,
“ J. H. HOBART WARD.

ABSENT MEMBERS.

Letters of regret, for the necessity of their absence, were received from—

Noble WILLIAM J. FLORENCE,
“ WILLIAM H. WHITING,
“ SAMUEL R. CARTER,
“ AARON L. NORTHROP,
“ SAMUEL HARPER.

EXECUTIVE SESSION.

The M. I. GRAND POTENTATE declared the Imperial Grand Council opened in Executive Session.

The following Nobles were duly proposed for Active Membership :

Noble FRANK W. ANGEL, of Davenport, Iowa.
“ BRENTON D. BABCOCK, Cleveland, Ohio.
“ SAM BRIGGS, Cleveland, Ohio.
“ WILLIAM FOWLER, New York, N. Y.
“ FRAZIER W. HURLBURT, Utica, N. Y.

The propositions were, on motion, received, and the Nobles duly balloted for and declared elected.

The Nobles were then duly raised to the dignity of Past Potentates, and constituted Active Members.

The Executive Session was then closed.

RESIGNATIONS.

The M. L. GRAND POTENTATE presented letters from the following Officers, expressing regret for their inability to perform their duties, and tendering their resignations as Active Members:

Noble PHILIP F. LENHART.....Chief Rabban.
 " JOHN L. STETTINIUS..First Ceremonial Master.
 " BENSEN SHERWOODSecond Ceremonial Master.
 " FRANK H. BASCOM..... Captain of the Guard.
 " GEORGE SCOTT.....Outer Guard.

On motion, the resignations were received.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

The following Nobles were duly nominated and elected to fill the vacancies:

Noble EDWARD M. L. EHLERS.....Grand Chief Rabban.
 " SAM BRIGGS..... Grand Assistant Rabban.
 " BRENTON D. BABCOCK.....Grand First Ceremonial Master.
 " WILLIAM FOWLER.....Grand Second Ceremonial Master.
 " FRAZIER W. HURLBURT.....Grand Captain of the Guard.
 " FRANK W. ANGELGrand Outer Guard.

The officers were then duly installed.

THANKS TO THE GRAND POTENTATE.

On motion of Noble EDWARD M. L. EHLERS, it was—

Resolved, That the thanks of the Imperial Grand Council be tendered to the Most Illustrious Grand Potentate for his arduous labors and interest in behalf of the Order of the Nobles of the Mystic Shrine.

THANKS FOR ROOM.

On motion of Noble WILLIAM FOWLER, it was—

Resolved, That a vote of thanks be tendered to Noble John S. Dickerman for the use of the Rooms in the Masonic Temple, of Albany, for this Session of the Imperial Grand Council.

REPORT OF GRAND RECORDER.

The Grand Recorder submitted the following Report, which was received :

No. Active Members February 6, 1877.....	30
“ Died	1
“ Resigned at this Session.....	5
“ Active Members elected at this Session.....	6
“ Total Active Members to date.....	30
“ Deputies.....	13
“ Temples to date.....	13

The following is the membership of the Temples to December 31, 1878 :

AL KORAN, Cleveland.....	35
CYPRUS, Albany.....	36
DAMASCUS, Rochester.....	154
MECCA, New York.....	69
MEDINA, Atchison.....	10
MOHAMMED, New Haven.....	10
MOUNT SINAI, Montpelier.....	13
ORIENTAL, Troy.....	12
PYRAMID, Bridgeport	12
PYRAMID, Davenport.....	16
SYRIA, Pittsburgh.....	37
SYRIAN, Cincinnati.....	9
ZIYARA, Utica.....	12
Total	425

CLOSING.

The reading of the Proceedings was dispensed with.

The Imperial Grand Council was closed in Ample Form, with due Invocation and Declaration.

The Proceedings of the Fourth Session are approved.

WALTER M. FLEMING,
M. I. GRAND POTENTATE.

ATTEST :

WILLIAM S. PATERSON,
ILL. GRAND RECORDER.

THE IMPERIAL GRAND COUNCIL

OF THE

ANCIENT ARABIC ORDER

OF THE

NOBLES OF THE MYSTIC SHRINE,

FOR THE

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

GRAND ORIENT, NEW YORK.

FIFTH SESSION—FEBRUARY 4, 1880.

Pursuant to notice, the Fifth Annual Session of the Imperial Grand Council of the Ancient Arabic Order of the Nobles of the Mystic Shrine for the United States of America was held at Masonic Temple, Albany, N. Y., on Nahar el Khamis, the twenty-second day of the second Arabic month, Safar, 1297 A. H., answering to Wednesday, February 4, 1880 A. D., at two o'clock P. M.

PRESENT.

M. I. WALTER M. FLEMING.....	Grand Potentate.
Ill. GEORGE F. LODER.....	Deputy Grand Potentate.
“ EDWARD M. L. EHLERS.....	Grand Chief Rabban.
“ CHARLES W. TORREY.....	as Grand Assistant Rabban.
“ TOWNSEND FONDEY.....	as Grand High Priest and Prophet.
“ JOHN S. DICKERMAN.....	as Grand Oriental Guide.
“ EDWARD B. COX.....	as Grand Treasurer.
“ WILLIAM S. PATERSON.....	Grand Recorder.
“ ALBERT P. MORIARTY.....	Grand Financial Secretary.
“ JOSEPH B. EAKINS.....	as Grand First Ceremonial Master.
“ WILLIAM FOWLER.....	Grand Second Ceremonial Master.
“ WILLIAM E. FITCH... ..	as Grand Marshal.
“ FRAZIER W. HURLBURT.....	Grand Captain of the Guard.
“ JOSEPH F. WARING.....	as Grand Outer Guard.

A number of members of the Order was in attendance.

OPENING.

The Imperial Grand Council was opened in Ample Form, with due Invocation and Declaration.

ADMISSION OF NOBLES.

On motion, it was—

Resolved, That all Members of the Order, in good standing, be invited to be present at this Session.

PROCEEDINGS APPROVED.

The Proceedings of the Fourth Session, of February 5, 1879, were read, and, on motion, approved.

ANNUAL ADDRESS.

The M. I. GRAND POTENTATE delivered the following Annual Address :

NEW YORK, January 30, 1880.

TO THE OFFICERS AND MEMBERS OF THE IMPERIAL GRAND COUNCIL
OF THE ANCIENT ARABIC ORDER OF NOBLES OF THE MYSTIC SHRINE,
FOR THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA :

ILLUSTRIOUS NOBLES : Once more we are permitted to meet in Annual Session, as Officers, Members, and Representatives of this Imperial Grand Council, to devote our energies to the welfare of the Order of the Mystic Shrine, and to promote its prosperity and success.

This is the Fifth Session of this Grand Body, since and including its organization in the City of New York, in the month of June, 1876.

The Second Session was held in the City of Albany, in February, 1877.

The Third, in the City of New York, in the month of February, 1878.

The Fourth, in the City of Albany, in February, 1879.

This Session, therefore, Ill. Nobles, is our fifth year of coming together to deliberate upon the requirements of the work before us. Although the protracted stagnation of all commercial interests has somewhat revived to activity and recuperation, and renewed prosperity has sprung up throughout the country, there are still existing the depressing influences of embarrassment in all our institutions.

Notwithstanding, much has been accomplished in this, our Oriental Order, toward revision of our Ritual and perfection of our work.

Although many of the subordinate Temples still remain inactive, and confer the three sections of our Order by communication, I am gratified to state that some, far more energetic and active than their sister Temples, are fully and completely equipped with costumes, regalia, paraphernalia, and all the requisite mechanism for the full exemplification of the ceremonies in all its details, and are conferring the Order in commendable and impressive form, which, with the appropriate music, impress all who have witnessed it most favorably, and the liveliest interest is manifested, and the roll of applications for membership comprises a list of such magnitude, as to palpably attest the favor with which it is received.

The attendance is invariably very large, the work finely rendered, and the manifest appreciation of the same is evident from the rapidly increasing membership, and the unlimited praises of all who enter our portals. And if the subordinate Temples, which are now in comparative apathy, would but proceed to equip, and exemplify the Order, as provided in our Ritual, a prompt and speedy interest and enthusiasm would occur, unsurpassed by the rendition of this work in any Order extant.

The popularity which it has already achieved, and which it undoubtedly merits, would continue to establish itself, and the Mystic Shrine

would stand second to none in strength and stature, that would defy the innovation of time and the storms of persecution.

The proper rendition of the work, comprising, as it does, the most impressive ceremonies and beautiful music, cannot fail to enlist the fullest appreciation of all who witness it, thereby awakening a zealous interest in the Rite. And the day is not far distant when the name of the Shrine will be hailed with favor and commendation, the length and breadth of our land.

Our Brother Nobles of "Al Koran" Temple, of the City of Cleveland, Ohio, deserve particular compliment and honorable mention, as being foremost in elaborate equipment and faultless rendition of the ceremonies of our Order. It was this Temple which gave impetus and encouragement to our work, and no effort nor expense has been spared by them to do full justice to the entire Ritualistic details provided by the Imperial Grand Council; ever adhering to all the requirements of our Statutes and Regulations, in each and every particular, together with their far-famed exemplification of the Order, with their valuable acquisitions to the same in the way of music and scenic effects; and last, but by no means least, their sumptuous and unlimited hospitality have placed them *first* in our ranks as the Parent Temple of all the subordinate Bodies. I regard them, therefore, as most worthy the congratulations, praise, and recognition of this Imperial Grand Council, for their unwearied zeal in bringing their work to such perfection.

I therefore respectfully commend to the favorable expression of this Council Ill.^l. Noble Sam Briggs, and his cohort of efficient officers, for their devotion to the welfare and best interests of the Order.

The work rendered in Al Koran Temple has proven an incentive to promote the equipment and rendition of the ceremonies in other Temples. And I am gratified to be able to report that Mecca Temple, of the City of New York, is now exemplifying the work in full Arabic costume, and all the prescribed paraphernalia, with the perfect and requisite mechanism and scenes. The official corps have proven themselves equal to all the requirements of the Ritual, and the entire success of the Body is an established fact.

This Temple has, within the last month, conferred the Order, in full, upon nearly one hundred candidates. And the liveliest interest is manifested in the ceremonies, not only by the membership of the Temple itself, but constant inquiries and propositions from novices are pouring in upon us, and the prospect of work, far into the Summer coming, is brightening on all sides.

If these facts could but develop impetus to the efforts of other subordinate Temples, and thereby promote renewed zeal in our cause, no individual Temple could fail to meet with support and success; and thus would be developed the desired condition of prosperity so important to this Imperial Grand Council.

I would therefore earnestly urge those who already hold the constitutional authority to carry on the work, to proceed with the rendition of the same. Devote a little time, and awaken an interest among their even small membership. Equip the Bodies, even modestly and at small expense. Commit the Ritualistic work; rehearse the ceremonies, both mental and mechanical. Exemplify the Order, and their magnified success would be a foregone conclusion. The work once started, there is no lack of desirable material, and a rapidly successful advancement.

Mecca Temple, of New York, commenced their studies and equipment in December last. The officers at once mastered the Ritual, and every requirement prepared for the work, in perfect order, the first week in January. Two rehearsals were held, and on Friday, January 9th, the Order was exemplified in full form, and again on Friday, January 23d; and the pecuniary obligations of the Temple, assumed for all equipment, amounting to several hundred dollars, liquidated from the receipts of these two Sessions, although the Order was conferred at the minimum fee of ten dollars.

The Body now stands fully, substantially, and beautifully equipped, free from the embarrassments of debt, and the list of candidates continues to increase, promising as large an acquisition to our numbers as at each preceding Session.

The most enthusiastic interest prevails, and the Mystic Shrine is a feature in the Metropolis. The press have published the History of the Order, notices and extracts appear from all quarters, and our foundation is firm from the start.

This should, at least, be a criterion for some encouragement to the inactive Temples now holding Charters in seclusion and silence.

This detail of facts I bring to the notice of the Council, to encourage to effort, at least, those who possess all the necessary qualifications to insure a successful inauguration of the work, and thus enlarge our territory and field of action, by prompting new Dispensations and Charters, and establishing a lasting status of our Order throughout our jurisdiction.

I desire here to call the attention of this Imperial Grand Council to the fact that there are several subordinate Temples that have made no returns to this Grand Body since receiving their Charters, and some are still delinquent in the payment of even their Charter fees, and many who have few or no Diplomas for their individual membership. And as the revenue of this Imperial Grand Council is largely dependent upon this special requirement, I would respectfully suggest that some decided action be taken at this Session to promote the realization of such receipts.

Also, action in regard to Special Deputies, who are conferring the

Order, under constitutional authority, at the minimum fee (as far as heard from), who make no returns to the Grand Body.

Some imperative Executive action is necessary in these important matters, to either enforce compliance with the Statutes, or the final remedy be administered to such delinquents—that of depriving them of the powers and privileges granted by the authoritative document so held, or a competent committee be invested with power to perfect such requirements as the emergency demands, and a speedy and decisive action taken, whereby this careless, indifferent, if not to say wilful and culpable delinquency, may be overcome, even if it be deemed expedient and necessary to purge the Order of a pernicious element.

Without such action, we must necessarily continue greatly embarrassed, our Statutes and Regulations disregarded and set at naught, and our well-being dangerously jeopardized.

It is from these delinquencies that we are still deprived of the financial ability to publish a report of our Sessions and Transactions, to grant mileage and per diem to our Representatives, and to acquit ourselves of numerous other obligations standing against us and constantly accruing to our debit page, and obstructing our progress and good name.

Although our work is improving, and our prospects of achieving great success increasing, still no institution can continue to exist, and advance in power and stability, without the necessary funds to liquidate their obligations, and thereby give palpable evidence of its soundness and self-sustaining advantages.

We are not the only institution thus crippled and embarrassed by the apathy and indifference of its membership and Representatives. Still, we should not be satisfied to tamely submit to malfeasance and speculation, and accept the situation of others as a criterion for a negligence of duty and demoralization; but vigorously apply the provision to speedily correct the evil, which will grow in stature, if left unsubdued, until it may become too formidable to conquer.

The long-continued depression of the commercial world is now passing away, and the evidence of renewed prosperity is apparent from the centre to the circumference of the commonwealth; and we should not remain inactive, but arise and secure our own longevity, accompanied with increased prosperity, while we have the power and ability so to do.

I therefore feel it my imperative duty, as your presiding officer, to impress upon the minds of this Imperial Grand Council the necessity of prompt and decisive action to promote the best interests of our Order, and thereby secure the firm foundation we so earnestly desire, and stand first among the popular institutions of the day.

An earnest desire is manifested in many locations to organize subordinate Temples. Still, during the last year, but little has been accomplished in the way of either Dispensations or Charters.

I have personally assumed the duties of answering all inquiries, and transmitted to the apparently interested copies of both the History and Statutes and Regulations. And I have found it no trivial task to comply with all the demands made upon my time, and the individual assumption of the many obligations incurred in behalf of the Institution; and, with the exception of the personal aid of two or three of our members, accessible in the City of New York, who have kindly assisted me, as far as was possible for them to do, the duties, both mental and pecuniary, have devolved almost entirely upon your humble servant. Still, I have not wearied, nor yielded to discouragement; but to the full measure of my ability I have endeavored to surmount all obstacles, and striven for the success, prosperity, and advancement of the Order.

I only ask in return the aid and support of my constituents, in any capacity which I may assume in the deliberations of the Council. I have no personal ambitions, beyond the sincere interest in the welfare of the Order, to which I have devoted so much time and toil, and, I regret to say, *not* always encouraged by a like interest on the part of others.

I should have been exceedingly gratified to at any time and always to have received any suggestions or advices, from any one or more of our official corps, that would lend encouragement to the effort and favor our cause. Still, I have been the recipient of but few, and at wide-spread intervals.

I am not disposed to complain, for I voluntarily espoused the cause from its incubation in America, and assumed the duties and responsibilities from the first: in compiling the Ritual and publishing the same, gleaned the History, and issuing it; perfecting the Dispensations, Charters and Diplomas; and, in short, striven to overcome all demands and requirements, and not unfrequently rebuked for delays in adjusting too tardy dues.

I make mention of these facts that the Body may realize the responsibility, and make an earnest effort to meet peremptory requirements, and relieve a harassed disciple.

Under the obituary head, I am gratified to say we have, during the past year, been by Divine Providence particularly favored, and it is with pleasure that I can say to you that our ranks have not been recently decimated by death.

Although in the subordinate Temples the Destroying Angel has passed among them, there have been no losses by death to our official representation. For this we should be, and are, most thankful; and with our trust and faith in Him who doeth all things well, we are permitted to meet again for an interchange of sentiment, friendship, and fraternal fealty, not knowing when is the allotted time.

I have lately learned of the death of Ill. V. Jonathan J. French, 33°;

who was made a Deputy for Illinois, resident at Chicago. He was a prominent member of the Masonic bodies of his State, and aided somewhat in the introduction of our Order within his jurisdiction.

CONDITION OF THE ORDER.

The information properly coming under this head has already been largely expatiated upon in the preceding pages of the address. I can only state that the work goes bravely on, and an increasing interest is manifested that promises magnificent success; and we are in daily expectation of increasing our field of action, as assurances have been received that such a desire exists, and will be realized as soon as circumstances will permit.

These are, at least, matters of encouragement, and we hope to realize a consummation of all our desires in the promulgation of the authority.

CHARTERS AND DISPENSATIONS.

There is but little, at this time, to be submitted to the Council under this head.

No Dispensations have been issued since our last Session, February 5, 1879, although several applications and negotiations have been received, and all the preliminary arrangements made; but the financial requirement not being forthcoming, the authority was not granted.

Perhaps a recapitulation of the Temples already chartered may be advisable, as a matter of information to those present, some of whom were not with us at our last Annual Session. They are as follows:

MECCA TEMPLE.	City of New York, N. Y.
DAMASCUS TEMPLE.	" Rochester, N. Y.
AL KORAN TEMPLE.	" Cleveland, O.
SYRIAN TEMPLE.	" Cincinnati, O.
MOUNT SINAI TEMPLE.	" Montpelier, Vt.
MOHAMMED TEMPLE.	" New Haven, Ct.
PYRAMID TEMPLE.	" Bridgeport, Ct.
SYRIA TEMPLE.	" Pittsburgh, Pa.
CYPRUS TEMPLE.	" Albany, N. Y.
ORIENTAL TEMPLE.	" Troy, N. Y.
ZIYARA TEMPLE.	" Utica, N. Y.
MEDINA TEMPLE.	" Atchison, Kan.
PYRAMID TEMPLE.	" Davenport, Iowa.

These Temples, numbering thirteen, were duly organized under Dispensation, and regularly chartered under proper constitutional authority.

Other Dispensations have been applied for, as before stated; authority, however, was not granted, in consequence of non-compliance with some one or more of the requirements of our Statutes and Regulations.

There have also been applications for Deputyships in Colorado and California, and all the arrangements perfected, and the authority filled out, but, owing to the same reasons as above mentioned, the documents were withheld, and the Deputies' Certificates are still in my possession.

Having had some experience in the acceptance of notes, under what were considered most reliable recommendations, and invariably finding them not honored at maturity, I have recently declined accepting any such remuneration. Therefore the Dispensations and Deputies' Certificates have remained in hand, subject to the remittance of the required fee by the applicants.

In two instances, Temples already chartered have failed to liquidate the required fee, and, although frequently applied to, no satisfactory answer, explaining the reasons for the delay, can be obtained.

Which subject matter I respectfully refer to the Grand Body as a whole, or through the properly authorized committee, as I am undoubtedly personally responsible for the issue of the authority, having assumed the responsibility to favor others, and advance the interests of the Order. I therefore desire to have the matter set straight, that I may divest myself of the responsibility, and have a satisfactory adjustment of these delinquencies to all concerned.

I have recently received a long and emphatic communication, from one of our most active officers and representatives, on these facts, and demanding some prompt and decisive action in regard to the same.

REPORTS OF DEPUTIES.

As has already been stated in a previous portion of the address, I regret to say that there is an unpardonable negligence and delay, on the part of some of our Deputies, in making their reports and returns to the proper officers of this Imperial Grand Council. Some of these Deputies have secured authority under the highest recommendations and indorsements, at great distances from our Grand Orient—their Diplomas and authority transmitted per mail or express—since which issue no report has been received from them.

These delinquencies, together with the delays of subordinate Temples in making their constitutional annual returns to this Council, and the neglect of the membership in procuring their individual Diplomas, are subjects for this Grand Body to take immediate and decided action upon.

I would again call attention to a clause contained in my last annual address, *viz.*: I would respectfully recommend the introduction of a provision in our Statutes and Regulations, that the fee for Certificates of Membership and Diplomas be included in the initiation fee, and each subordinate Temple be held responsible for the same, and the transmission of the amount to the Ill.°. Grand Financial Secretary of this Imperial Grand Council; and on receipt of the list of members, accompanied by the said Diploma fees, the Diplomas be filled out by the Ill.°. Grand Financial Secretary and transmitted to the Ill.°. Recorder of the subordinate Temple so remitting.

By this provision, the revenue from the issue of Diplomas would secure to this Grand Body a fund. and every member would be provided with a Certificate of Membership.

RITUAL.

Our Ritual. although carefully translated and acceptably adapted to modern, and particularly American, institutions, we find, after mature deliberation and enlarged experience in the exemplification of the work, that many improvements may be made, and have suggested themselves, by careful observation of the ceremonies while carrying on the work, and we now more readily conceive the feasibility of rendering the adaptation of the esoteric work far more elaborate in detail and impressive to an Anglo-Saxon mind.

Therefore many erasures, additions and alterations have been deemed advisable.

These changes have been carefully considered, and already marked out, and we have availed ourselves of the advantages thus discovered, and a corrected and revised Ritual is now in the hands of your Ritualistic Committee, who are eminently qualified, by mature experience in such matters, to bring it to a state of perfection that cannot fail to give entire satisfaction to each and every officer of our Rite.

I would therefore respectfully commend the revised Ritual, as coming from the able hands of this Committee, to the favor and sanction of this Imperial Grand Council for adoption at this time, that it may be issued in the interval, if necessary, transpiring between this and our next Annual Session.

If the Council deem it expedient to invest the Ritual Committee with power so to do, much time and inconvenience may be saved and avoided, and a perfect work insured for the use of the subordinate Temples, as the authentic and constitutionally adopted work.

OUR FINANCIAL STATUS.

The details of the expenditures and receipts of this Grand Body are all on record, and in the custody of the Ill.^{.^o} Grand Financial Secretary, and subject to the call and investigation of the properly authorized committee, as well as any officer or member of the Council. The particulars of the same are too lengthy to engross in full upon the pages of this Annual Address.

I will, however, state, for the information of the Council, that the expenditures and obligations of the Grand Body largely exceeded the receipts at our last Annual Session.

Furthermore, since the Session of February 5, 1879, the income has been comparatively insignificant, which you may readily conceive when we revert back to the fact that no Dispensations have been granted since the report at the last Session; and the revenue from the issue of Diplomas has been exceedingly small, which fact was the incentive for the emphatic allusions to this deficit in the previous pages of the present Address. There are many obligations still hanging over us, which, I trust, may, after this Session, be adjusted. And my suggestions in regard to the publication of the Proceedings are, of course, subservient to the fact of required necessary funds.

And I desire again to call your attention to the fact that in the event of the full returns of the subordinate Bodies of the constitutional annual dues (which are comparatively small to each individual Temple), and the issue of the Certificates to the membership, enabling us to secure the required fee for the same, it would at once place us free from indebtedness, and put us upon a financial basis for rapid progress in the future. Hence the necessity of the executive action of this Council to that end.

The time devoted to the advancement of the interests of the Order, and the toil involved in the effort, by a limited few, would fill a volume to detail, and can only be fully comprehended by a careful perusal and investigation of the entire work for the past four years.

And I would further suggest for the consideration of the Council, and ask their recommendation also, that in the event of our exchequer becoming equal to the requirement, a salary be authorized and set apart for our Ill.^{.^o} Grand Recorder and Financial Secretary, to both of whom we are largely obligated for their faithful and untiring work in the demands of their respective offices.

JURISPRUDENCE AND LAWS.

At our last Annual Session, Ill.^{.^o} Noble Sam Briggs, Deputy of this Imperial Grand Council for the State of Ohio, and an officer of this

Grand Body, and Potentate of Al Koran Temple, of Cleveland, Ohio, offered the following resolution in regard to jurisdiction :

"Resolved, That the jurisdiction of a subordinate Temple shall include no more than the territory under the jurisdiction of two adjacent Commanderies of Knights Templar, of distinct and separate jurisdictions, or the territory under the cognizance of a Body of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite."

This resolution I at that time referred to the Standing Committee on Jurisprudence and Laws.

The Committee consists of Ill. : Nobles R. H. Waterman, Townsend Fonday, and P. F. Lenhart.

The last mentioned, however, has since that time withdrawn from active membership in this Council. But I trust that the remaining two of the Committee will dispose of that subject at this Session, thereby deciding the important subject of jurisdiction.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

There is in all probability no doubt existing as regards the advantages that may accrue from the publication of our Transactions in this Imperial Grand Council, embodying the History, also, if deemed advisable ; which, being circulated, at once invite the attention of all under whose observation the same may come, and thereby largely contribute to a renewed activity and interest in promulgating the Order in new localities, and add at once largely to the prospects of increased work.

In conclusion, let me invite the united efforts of each and every one of our Representatives to promote the advancement and success of the Institution, by more zealously espousing the cause, and thereby aid in the establishment of new Temples, and the rendition of commendable work. By so doing, our reports at the expiration of another year will be replete with palpable evidences of prosperity.

Last June terminated the three years of tenure of office of our present official corps. But the election of officers was set apart for this Session, February 4, 1880.

The election of officers for the ensuing three years is now to be held.

The subject of the propriety of hereafter holding our Annual Sessions in the City of New York, in the month of June, during the Communication of the Grand Lodge, F. & A. M., and the Rendezvous of the Council of Deliberation, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, has very frequently been brought to my notice, and action making such a provision strongly urged by a number of our members.

The fact is that we have no interest in common, or rather direct, in

the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State, but, on the contrary, have a great interest in the Institutions from which we draw our material, and which comprise the constitutionally provided prerequisites to a membership in the Order of the Shrine.

In the month of June there is a much larger representation of our constituents and material in the City of New York, than we can command in the City of Albany in the month of February.

At the time set apart for the meeting of the Grand Lodge, in the City New York, the Council of Deliberation, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, also hold their Annual Rendezvous, and many of our Nobles from the interior of the State, and from various other States, avail themselves of that opportunity to visit our city. Therefore we would insure a full attendance were we to hold our Annual Session at that time.

Furthermore, as the City of New York is our constitutionally provided Grand Orient, and has been so from the incubation of the Order in America, there exists no doubt of the propriety and advantage of our holding our Annual Sessions in that city, and at that time—*viz.*: in the City of New York, in the month of June—at least, until some further requirement might, in the wisdom of the Council, demand another change.

This is a most important matter, which I earnestly trust the Council will consider and dispose of at this time.

Finally, Ill. Nobles, please permit me to thank you for the confidence and trust, for the past four years, reposed in me, and to assure you of my appreciation of the kind consideration and unqualified courtesy I have ever been the recipient of at your hands.

Furthermore, please accept my congratulations for the progress that has been made in the Order of the Shrine, and permit me to predict a prosperous and successful future for our Institution.

I have endeavored to prove faithful in the discharge of my duties, and worthy your confidence in the exalted position with which you honored me. My endeavors have been to achieve all within the measure of my ability that might promote our continuity and longevity.

Let me once more express my thanks for your kind attention during this somewhat lengthy address; and bidding you all every success and God speed, I subscribe myself, as ever, yours to command,

WALTER M. FLEMING,

M. I. GRAND POTENTATE.

ADDRESS RECEIVED.

On motion, the Address was received, and referred to Nobles Edward M. L. Ehlers, Townsend Fonday, and William Fowler for consideration.

DELINQUENCIES.

On motion of Noble EDWARD M. L. EHLERS, it was—

Resolved, That the Ill.^y Grand Recorder be directed to notify all Deputies of States holding letters patent, and the Ritual and other property of the Order, and for which the regular fee had not been received, and also all Temples of the Mystic Shrine indebted to the Imperial Grand Council, to liquidate the same on or before May 1 next.

INITIATION FEES.

On motion of Noble GEORGE F. LODER, it was—

Resolved, That the Ill.^y Grand Recorder be directed to notify every Temple and Deputy of the requirement that the initiation fee of two dollars shall accompany the Annual Report, in accordance with Section XXI. of the Statutes and Regulations.

ANNUAL SESSIONS.

On motion of EDWARD M. L. EHLERS, it was—

Resolved, That the Annual Sessions of this Imperial Council be held in the City of New York, in the month of June, and during the Communications of the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of the State of New York.

REVISION OF THE RITUAL.

On motion of Noble FRAZIER W. HURLBURT, it was—

Resolved, That the revision of the Ritual be referred to the Committee on Ritual and Statutes, with plenary power to act and publish.

HISTORY AND PROCEEDINGS.

On motion of Noble EDWARD M. L. EHLERS, it was—

Resolved, That the History and previous Proceedings of this Imperial Council be published, under the direction of the M.^y Ill.^y Grand Potentate, with plenary power.

EXECUTIVE SESSION.

The Imperial Council was declared open in Executive Session.

ACTIVE MEMBERS.

The following Nobles were duly nominated, balloted for, and elected to Active Membership :

Noble JOSEPH B. EAKINS.....of New York, N. Y.

“ CHARLES W. TORREY..... “ “

They were then raised to the dignity of Past Potentates, and declared Active Members of the Imperial Grand Council.

The Executive Session was then closed.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

The M. : I. : GRAND POTENTATE declared in order the regular Triennial Election of Officers, and invited Noble Townsend Fonday to preside, who accepted.

TELLERS.

The Presiding Officer appointed as Tellers :

Noble JOSEPH F. WARING,.....of New York.

“ WILLIAM E. FITCH.....of Albany.

OFFICERS.

The following Nobles were severally balloted for, and, being declared elected, accepted their respective offices :

Most Ill. : WALTER M. FLEMING.....*Grand Potentate*,
NEW YORK, N. Y.

Very Ill. : GEORGE F. LODER.....*Deputy Grand Potentate*,
ROCHESTER, N. Y.

Ill. : EDWARD M. L. EHLERS.....*Grand Chief Rabban*,
NEW YORK, N. Y.

Ill. : SAM. BRIGGS.....*Grand Assistant Rabban*,
CLEVELAND, O.

- III. WILLIAM H. WHITING.....*Grand High Priest and Prophet,*
ROCHESTER, N. Y.
- III. FRAZIER W. HURLBURT... ..*Grand Oriental Guide,*
UTICA, N. Y.
- III. AARON L. NORTHROP.....*Grand Treasurer,*
NEW YORK, N. Y.
- III. WILLIAM S. PATERSON..... *Grand Recorder,*
NEW YORK, N. Y.
- III. ALBERT P. MORIARTY..... *Grand Financial Secretary,*
NEW YORK, N. Y.
- III. BRENTON D. BABCOCK..... *Grand First Ceremonial Master,*
CLEVELAND, O.
- III. WILLIAM FOWLER.....*Grand Second Ceremonial Master,*
NEW YORK, N. Y.
- III. EDWARD B. COX.....*Grand Marshal,*
TROY, N. Y.
- III. JOHN S. DICKERMAN.....*Grand Captain of the Guard,*
ALBANY, N. Y.
- III. CHARLES W. TORREY.....*Grand Outer Guard,*
NEW YORK, N. Y.

INSTALLATION.

By invitation, Noble TOWNSEND FONDEY installed the Officers in due form, and proclamation was made thereof.

THANKS.

The Tellers were discharged, with a vote of thanks.

On motion, a vote of thanks was tendered to Noble Townsend Fonday for his excellent exemplification of the Installation Ceremonies.

NEXT REGULAR SESSION.

On motion, it was—

Resolved, That the next Regular Session of the Imperial Grand Council be held in New York, N. Y., on June 2, 1880.

REPORT OF GRAND RECORDER.

The Grand Recorder presented the following Annual Report, which was received :

No. Active Members in 1879.....	30
“ Elected at this Session.....	2
“ Active Members in 1880.....	32
“ Deputies.....	13
“ Temples.....	13

The membership of the various Temples is as follows, to December 31. 1879 :

AL KORAN, in 1878, 35; created 9.....	44
CYPRUS	36
DAMASCUS, in 1878, 154; died and suspended, 7; created 5.....	148
MECCA, in 1878, 69; created 7; affiliated, 1.....	77
MEDINA	10
MOHAMMED	10
MOUNT SINAI.....	13
ORIENTAL	12
PYRAMID, of Bridgeport.....	12
PYRAMID, of Davenport, in 1878, 16; created 2.....	18
SYRIA	37
SYRIAN.....	9
ZIYARA	12
Total for 1879.....	438
“ “ 1878.....	425
Increase for 1879.....	13

STANDING COMMITTEES.

The Most Illustrious Grand Potentate appointed the following Standing Committees :

I.—*Transactions of the Grand Officers.*

Noble CHARLES T. McCLENACHAN,

“ JOHN W. SIMONS,

“ WILLIAM H. WHITING.

II.—Dispensations and Charters.

Noble ALBERT P. MORIARTY,
“ FRANK H. BASCOM,
“ EDWARD M. L. EHLERS.

III.—Finance and Accounts.

Noble GEORGE F. LODER,
“ JOHN L. STETTINIUS,
“ SAMUEL HARPER.

IV.—Grievances and Appeals.

Noble WILLIAM J. FLORENCE,
“ GEORGE W. MILLAR,
“ BENSEN SHERWOOD.

V.—Jurisprudence and Laws.

Noble ROBERT H. WATERMAN,
“ TOWNSEND FONDEY,
“ PHILIP F. LENHART.

COMMITTEE ON RITUAL AND STATUTES.

The Committee on Ritual and Statutes was continued as follows :

Noble CHARLES T. MCCLENACHAN,
“ EDWARD M. L. EHLERS,
“ J. H. HOBART WARD.

THANKS FOR ROOM.

On motion of Noble CHARLES W. TORREY, it was—

Resolved, That a vote of thanks be tendered to Noble John S. Dickerman for his generosity in placing the Rooms of Albany Masonic Temple at the disposal of the Imperial Grand Council for the Annual Session of 1880.

CLOSING.

On motion, the reading of the Proceedings was dispensed with.

The Imperial Grand Council was closed in Ample Form, with due Invocation and Declaration.

The Proceedings of the Fifth Annual Session are approved.

WALTER M. FLEMING,

M.°. I.°. GRAND POTENTATE.

ATTEST :

WILLIAM S. PATERSON,

ILL.°. GRAND RECORDER.

THE IMPERIAL GRAND COUNCIL

OF THE

ANCIENT ARABIC ORDER

OF THE

NOBLES OF THE MYSTIC SHRINE,

FOR THE

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

GRAND ORIENT, NEW YORK.

SIXTH SESSION—JUNE 2, 1880.

Pursuant to Resolution of February 4, 1880, the Sixth Session of the Imperial Grand Council of the Ancient Arabic Order of the Nobles of the Mystic Shrine for the United States of America was held at Temple Hall, No. 117 West Twenty-third Street, New York, N. Y., on Nahar el Khamis, the twenty-second day of the sixth Arabic month, Jamaz ul Akhir, 1297 A. H., answering to Wednesday, June 2, 1880, at two o'clock P. M.

PRESENT.

M.°. Ill.°. WALTER M. FLEMING.....	Grand Potentate.
Ill.°. CHARLES W. TORREY.....	as Deputy Grand Potentate.
“ EDWARD M. L. EHLERS.....	Grand Chief Rabban.
“ OZIAS W. SHIPMAN.....	as Grand Assistant Rabban.
“ WILLIAM H. WHITING.....	Grand High Priest and Prophet.
“ FRAZIER W. HURLBURT.....	Grand Oriental Guide.
“ AARON L. NORTHROP.....	Grand Treasurer.
“ WILLIAM S. PATERSON.....	Grand Recorder.
“ ALBERT P. MORIARTY.....	Grand Financial Secretary.
“ D. BURNHAM TRACY.....	as Grand First Ceremonial Master.
“ GEORGE SCOTT.....	as Grand Second Ceremonial Master.
“ EDWARD B. COX.....	Grand Marshal.
“ JOSEPH B. EAKINS.....	as Grand Captain of the Guard.
“ BENSEN SHERWOOD.....	as Grand Outer Guard.
“ STEPHEN W. SWIFT.....	as Grand Assistant Guard.

A large number of members of the Order was in attendance.

OPENING.

The Imperial Grand Council was opened in Ample Form, with due Invocation and Declaration.

ADMISSION OF NOBLES.

On motion, it was—

Resolved, That all Members of the Order, in good standing, be invited to be present at this Session.

PROCEEDINGS APPROVED.

The Proceedings of the Fifth Session, of February 4, 1880, were read, and, on motion, approved.

ANNUAL ADDRESS.

The M.°. I.°. GRAND POTENTATE delivered the following Annual Address :

NEW YORK, May 31, 1880.

TO THE OFFICERS AND MEMBERS OF THE IMPERIAL GRAND COUNCIL
OF NOBLES OF THE MYSTIC SHRINE, FOR THE UNITED STATES OF
AMERICA :

ILLUSTRIOUS NOBLES: Once more we are assembled in Annual Session, and for the first time in the City of New York since the primary organization of this Grand Body some years since.

But little has transpired since our last Session, in the City of Albany, February 4—about four months since—to our very great advantage, nor to our embarrassment. Nothing especially calculated to largely encourage us has manifested itself during this brief interval in the recent past; neither has any detrimental manifestation supervened to discourage our prospects.

The work is progressing as rapidly and favorably as could be expected under existing circumstances.

The revival of commerce and prosperity, as yet, can scarcely be felt within the cloistered circles of Esoteric Alliances. But the growing interest that is manifested in our Order, and the slow but steady and ceaseless pace with which we are advancing to prominence and permanent status, encourage us to renewed effort and unwearied zeal to continue in promoting the prosperity and welfare of the Shrine.

Many of our subordinate Temples are now exemplifying the Order, and the accession to our ranks gradually increasing.

It should now be our aim to encourage all subordinate Temples to equip and proceed to the full exemplification of the Order, and thereby awaken a renewed interest in their respective localities, and promote the extension and advancement of the Order into new territory.

Although I am continually in receipt of numerous inquiries in regard to the Order, but one new Dispensation has been granted since our February Session.

That was issued to the constitutional number of Ill. Brethren in Detroit, Michigan, under the name of Moslem Temple.

This Dispensation has been so recently granted, that we can hardly expect any very extended report of their work. The well-earned fame, however, of the Ill. Nobles under whose auspices Moslem Temple, of Detroit, emanates, is sufficient guarantee of their undoubted success in the immediate future. And we sincerely trust that their efforts in that section may prove an incentive to the inauguration of other Temples in the adjacent cities and States.

I have also to report that on March 24, 1880, I invested Bro. and Noble Thomas J. Shryock, of Baltimore, Maryland, with constitutional authority to represent our Order in that State, and constituted him as Deputy of the State of Maryland.

At this writing, no report has been received from him as to the extent of the work in that jurisdiction.

Many letters of inquiry have been received, all of which I have answered and transmitted the required information.

Under the head of Obituary, it is with pleasure that I am able to report that, as far as has come to my knowledge, since our last Session at Albany, no deaths have occurred to decimate our ranks, and call for our eulogies on mortality of our membership. For this we should feel particularly grateful to an All-Wise Providence that He has spared us this affliction.

CONDITION OF THE ORDER.

We have every reason to be greatly encouraged in the knowledge that our Order is gradually becoming more and more popular, and the membership increasing.

The Shrine is continuing in a wholesome and prosperous condition where Temples are already at work, and the most promising indications prevail of the advancement and increasing field of labor. And we may be well satisfied with the growing interest that is manifesting itself, which will, no doubt, soon give palpable evidences of rapid growth.

CHARTERS AND DISPENSATIONS.

Independent of the matters under this head (heretofore alluded to), as regards recent issues, I have but little to submit to the Imperial Grand Council at this time.

Some applications have been received, but not having complied strictly with the constitutional requirements, the authority has not been promulgated.

In regard to delinquencies, action upon which was taken at our last Grand Session, your presiding officer being at that time empowered to act for the Council, some adjustments have been made, one partially so, and one in particular not heard from. But as there have been negotiations to a certain extent with some of the more zealous Nobles in the immediate vicinity of the city where the inactive subordinate Body is located, and the unadjusted Charter is held, I have thought it expedient to let the matter temporarily rest, with the hope of reviving said Temple, and realizing the constitutional Charter fee from this other source, and thereby amicably adjust the matter, and place the said authority upon a working basis, without any discord and unpleasant sequel.

Our conferring and working subordinate Temples now consist of the

following, which I recapitulate as a matter of information to the Council:

MECCA TEMPLE.....	New York, N. Y.
DAMASCUS TEMPLE	Rochester, N. Y.
AL KORAN TEMPLE.....	Cleveland, Ohio.
SYRIAN TEMPLE.....	Cincinnati, Ohio.
MOUNT SINAI TEMPLE	Montpelier, Vt.
MOHAMMED TEMPLE.....	New Haven, Ct.
PYRAMID TEMPLE.....	Bridgeport, Ct.
SYRIA TEMPLE.....	Pittsburgh, Pa.
CYPRUS TEMPLE.....	Albany, N. Y.
ORIENTAL TEMPLE.....	Troy, N. Y.
ZIYARA TEMPLE .	Utica, N. Y.
MEDINA TEMPLE.....	Atchison, Kan.
PYRAMID TEMPLE.....	Davenport, Iowa.
MOSLEM TEMPLE.....	Detroit, Mich.

The last named Temple is now existing under Dispensation, and prays to this Imperial Grand Council at this Session to grant its Charter, and such grant is respectfully recommended.

Some of the previous named Temples are comparatively dormant and inactive, doing little or no work, and rendering no satisfactory report, while others are exemplifying the work in a most commendable manner, and making rapid progress in the roll of membership.

In regard to the delinquencies of Temples to this Imperial Grand Council, little has been done since our last Session, in Albany, in February last, although I have made every effort to promote an adjustment.

REPORTS OF DEPUTIES.

At this writing but one or two reports of Deputies have come in. Undoubtedly, during our Session, a large number, if not all, the Deputies, will be heard from.

Too much stress cannot be laid upon the necessity of both the Deputies and Potentates of subordinate Temples requiring the individual members of the Order to provide themselves with Diplomas of Membership, and thereby cover a large delinquency in revenue to this Imperial Grand Council.

Action was taken at our last Session, making a provision in our Statutes and Regulations, that the initiation fee in each subordinate Temple be sufficient to cover the cost of the Diploma for each initiate,

and the subordinate Temples held responsible for the issue of the same, and payment therefor made by them to this Imperial Grand Council.

This provision was adopted, but no new issue of Statutes has, as yet, been perfected, and the subordinate Temples notified only verbally, or by letter.

Under this provision, the revenue from this source will be secured, and the individual membership provided with Diplomas.

RITUAL.

Our Ritual has been carefully and studiously revised and corrected, and the indorsement of the Imperial Grand Council received, also empowering the Ritualistic Committee with authority to print the same.

It now only awaits the necessary funds to provide at once a new and perfect translation of the work in all its elaborate details, including the esoteric and musical portrayal of the ceremonials.

FINANCIAL STATUS.

The official corps and general membership of this Grand Council, both and all, are aware that our exchequer is not in a wholesome or plethoric condition.

But little revenue has been derived of late, still the outlay continues. And in order to carry on our purpose, it has been necessary for some one to advance certain funds to meet the expenses of printing; also Diplomas, and sundry other accounts.

This honor has devolved upon me, and I have, as far as possible, liquidated accruing accounts.

Our Certificates of Membership were exhausted, and a demand for some awaiting fulfilment, I therefore ordered them, and paid the obligation in part, advancing the amount for the emergency. And I trust the income will be such as to set at a balance some of these long-standing obligations.

It is not an easy task to endeavor to fulfil all requirements individually, and pay the accounts in addition thereto.

If a little zeal and energy were manifested on the part of even a few of our membership, the odium of indebtedness would very speedily be wiped out, and we would stand upon a more satisfactory and secure foundation.

To secure this, the Diplomas should be issued and liquidation made. The subordinate Temples should be prompt with their dues to the Council, and an individual and collective effort made to extend our field of action.

This, together with zealous work on the part of our Deputies, would soon leave us free from debt, and a fund in the treasury.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

Under this head I will briefly state, for the information of the Council, that our Transactions have not been published, our per diem and mileage paid, our Statutes and Regulations not newly issued, as provided, and our corrected, revised Ritual is *in statu quo*. The reasons are palpable—simply because we have not in the treasury the necessary funds to do so.

How long are we to remain in this comparatively helpless condition? I appeal to this Council, both individually and collectively.

JURISPRUDENCE AND LAWS.

The Committee on Jurisprudence and Laws, at our last Session, took action upon the subject of jurisdiction.

Under the motion of Ill. Deputy of Ohio, Noble Sam. Briggs, the jurisdiction of a subordinate Temple was established as follows:

“The jurisdiction of a subordinate Temple shall include no more than the territory under the jurisdiction of two adjacent Commanderies of Knights Templar, of distinct and separate jurisdictions, or the territory under the cognizance of a Body of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry.”

That Committee, we understand, finally disposed of the subject as per resolution.

It is, no doubt, eminently proper that the subject of jurisdiction should be consistent with the jurisdictions of Bodies prerequisite to this membership.

Another important matter was finally disposed of, at our last Session, in February, at the City of Albany. That to which I refer was the propriety of meeting in New York, in the month of June, instead of February, at Albany.

The advantage of this important change can readily be appreciated, and I trust, from this time forth, our more rapid advancement may be insured.

In conclusion, let me invite the personal interest of each and every one to promote the welfare and advancement of our Order. No institution can thrive without the aid and assistance of its disciples, and if each of you would devote some little influence and effort in behalf of our Order, endeavoring to promote the organization of new Temples, and stimulate to commendable rendition of the work in the Temples already estab-

lished, success would crown our efforts. Although we are by no means unsuccessful now, still we could bear more thrift and larger field of action, and a little encouragement in this direction would not be unwelcome.

We are hopefully awaiting the time when our subordinate representatives will be largely increased, and our reports replete with evidences of rapid strides toward prosperity.

Finally, Ill. Nobles, accept the assurances of my appreciation of the confidence thus far reposed in me, and the kind attention and consideration I have met at your hands.

I think we may earnestly congratulate ourselves on the progress thus far achieved, and let us hope that the day is not far distant when the Institution shall stand first among its sister orders, and reflect the credit and honor due upon those who have justly earned the laurels of victory, and established the Shrine upon the imperishable foundation it so richly merits.

With kindest wishes for the prosperity of all, I am, courteously,

Your obedient servant,

WALTER M. FLEMING,

M. I. GRAND POTENTATE.

ADDRESS REFERRED.

On motion, the Address was received, and referred to Nobles Edward M. L. Ehlers, Charles W. Torrey, and Joseph B. Eakins.

DEPUTIES APPOINTED.

The M. Ill. GRAND POTENTATE announced that since the last Session he had appointed

Noble THOMAS J. SHRYOCK, Deputy for Maryland.

“ D. BURNHAM TRACY, Deputy for Michigan.

ON ACTIVE MEMBERS.

On motion of Noble CHARLES W. TORREY, it was—

Resolved, That the subject of Active Members, who are not contributing members of subordinate Temples, be referred to a Committee for consideration.

The M. Ill. GRAND POTENTATE appointed as such Committee Nobles Frazier W. Hurlburt, Edward B. Cox, and Joseph B. Eakins.

CHARTER TO MOSLEM TEMPLE.

On motion of Noble FRAZIER W. HURLBURT, it was—

Resolved, That a Charter be granted to Moslem Temple, of Detroit, Michigan.

JURISDICTION OVER APPLICANTS.

Noble CHARLES W. TORREY offered the following Resolution :

Resolved, That any applicant for initiation and membership in a subordinate Temple without the jurisdiction of the State of his residence, where there is already established a Temple, shall not be received without the permission of such Temple.

The Resolution was received, and referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence and Laws, who reported favorably, and it was, on motion, adopted.

HISTORY.

On motion of Noble EDWARD M. L. EHLERS, it was—

Resolved, That the revised History of the Order be issued by the Ill. Grand Recorder, under the auspices of this Imperial Grand Council, the cost of the same, when approved, to be met by the Council.

INVITATION OF MECCA TEMPLE.

The M. Ill. GRAND POTENTATE announced that at eight o'clock this evening, Mecca Temple, of New York, would exemplify the ceremonies of the Order in full form, in their Rooms, and invited the Imperial Grand Council and visitors to be present.

The invitation was cordially received and accepted, and at the appointed time over two hundred Nobles were assembled in the Hall, and witnessed the full ceremonies with interest and pleasure, followed by an excellent banquet.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

The M. Ill. GRAND POTENTATE announced that the several Standing Committees appointed at the last Session were continued.

CLOSING.

On motion, the reading of the Proceedings was dispensed with.

The Imperial Grand Council was closed in Ample Form, with due Invocation and Declaration.

The Proceedings of the Sixth Session are approved.

WALTER M. FLEMING,

M. I. GRAND POTENTATE.

ATTEST :

WILLIAM S. PATERSON,

ILL. GRAND RECORDER.

THE IMPERIAL GRAND COUNCIL

OF THE

ANCIENT ARABIC ORDER

OF THE

NOBLES OF THE MYSTIC SHRINE

FOR THE

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

GRAND ORIENT, NEW YORK.

SEVENTH SESSION-1881.

The Seventh Annual Session of the Imperial Grand Council of the Ancient Arabic Order of the Nobles of the Mystic Shrine for the United States of America was held at Temple Hall, No. 117 West Twenty-third Street, New York, N. Y., on Nahar el Khamis, the twelfth day of the seventh Arabic month, Rajab, 1298 A. H., answering to Thursday, June 9, 1881 A. D., at two o'clock P. M., in accordance with the following notice :

ANNUAL NOTICE.

OFFICE OF MOST ILLUSTRIOUS GRAND POTENTATE,

NEW YORK, MAY 2, 1881.

ILLUSTRIOUS NOBLE :

The Imperial Grand Council will meet in annual session in the City of New York, at Temple Hall, 117 West 23d Street, on THURSDAY, JUNE 9, 1881, 2 o'clock P. M.

Important business will be transacted, and it is earnestly hoped that the officers and representatives will find it consistent to attend.

Subordinate Temples in arrears for dues are respectfully referred to Section 4, Statutes and Regulations. All members of the Order, not provided with Diplomas, are referred to Section 18. The Ill. Grand Potentates of all subordinate Temples are responsible for the enforcement of requirements of Statutes and Regulations.

The Presiding Officer of each subordinate Temple is hereby requested to direct his Ill. Recorder to make out a complete list of membership of the Temple, with date of each initiation, and a list of Past Grand Potentates ; also to check the names of such members as are provided with Grand Council Diplomas, and make such return to this Grand Body on or before its coming annual session, June 9, 1881, accompanied with Diploma Fee for each member not already holding one, and the Diploma will be immediately sent by the Ill. Grand Recorder.

All Deputies of this Grand Body are hereby ordered to make their full returns, on or before this coming session.

Mecca Temple, N. M. S. of the City of New York, have kindly volunteered to exemplify the Order of the Mystic Shrine, in full form, costume, and paraphernalia, on Thursday evening, June 9, 1881, at 8 o'clock, at Temple Hall, 117 West 23d Street, and the Traditional Banquet will be served. The Imperial Grand Council is fraternally invited to be present. This will afford our representatives and members from abroad a rare opportunity of witnessing the rendition of the Order, in all its elaborate details and equipment.

Prompt attendance is earnestly requested to avoid interruption of the ceremonies.

Many distinguished Nobles from abroad are expected to be with us on this occasion.

Courteously yours in the Shrine,

WALTER M. FLEMING,

M. I. GRAND POTENTATE.

A. P. MORIARTY,

ILL. FINANCIAL SECRETARY.

WILLIAM S. PATERSON,

ILL. GRAND RECORDER.

NEW YORK, May 25, 1881.

TO THE OFFICERS AND MEMBERS OF THE IMPERIAL GRAND COUNCIL
OF THE ANCIENT ARABIC ORDER OF NOBLES OF THE MYSTIC SHRINE,
FOR THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA :

ILLUSTRIOUS NOBLES : We have assembled here once more at the call of this Grand Body, to hold our Seventh Annual Session, for the purpose of deliberating upon the requirements of our Order, and to devote our energies to promote the prosperity and welfare of the Institution.

Although much has been achieved in certain localities, by subordinate Temples, to perfect the exemplification of the work, many of the Temples still remain in comparative apathy and inactivity. More particularly in the remote interior, have the Temples labored under the disadvantage of imperfect equipment, and inability to realize the required official corps of working material to properly exemplify the work

Therefore, it being regarded as a laborious task, I regret to say that many of the Chartered Bodies make no return of advancement, such as has characterized the Temples in the larger and more enterprising cities.

For this reason, it was earnestly desired that the Ill. Nobles of our Order, not favored with all the facilities for exemplification, should meet with us on this occasion, and witness the work as rendered by Mecca Temple, of the City of New York, hoping that thereby they might be inspired to a renewed effort in the right direction, and avail themselves of a little experience, whereby they might proceed understandingly to render the work in their respective Temples attractive and prosperous.

The financial embarrassment, almost universally felt in all quarters in the past, which greatly deterred the advancement of the Order, is now past, and, that great obstruction to the realization of their hopes being removed, there appears to be no reason for apathy, if the proper spirit and zeal are manifested in endeavor to proceed with dictates of the Ritual and meet with the success which has prevailed among the more active Bodies.

It is not an easy task to undertake to compel the equipment and advancement of the work, unless the ambition exists within the Temple itself to render it interesting, attractive, and prosperous. And any course that could be adopted to promote such a result, if such a course there be, is a consummation most earnestly to be wished.

There is but little doubt that, if the proper rendition of the ceremonies, with their appropriate music, could be witnessed by the latent Bodies, or their official constituents, it would awaken an interest that would soon manifest itself by rapid progress to perfection in the now inactive

and slumbering Temples, which have not the zeal and courage to advance under the apparent complications impressed upon them, from a simple perusal of the Ritual.

I would respectfully suggest, for the consideration of this Imperial Grand Council, that a committee be appointed from our active constituents to primarily ascertain what Temples are actively engaged in the rendition of the work, their locality, and time of regular initiation with full and appropriate ceremonials, and deliberate upon the propriety of issuing a card or circular naming such Temples, their time and place for work, and extend an invitation to the Ill. Nobles far and near to accept the courtesies of such Bodies, and witness the exemplification of the Order. Also to mention the prerequisites for membership, and extend a privilege cautiously to properly qualified applicants, eligible to respective jurisdictions, there to receive the honors of the Order. Or set apart one or two Winter sessions in each working Temple, for the general good of all within the entire limits of their authority of jurisdiction, and make the same known throughout their adjacent territory, by special Temple notice, long enough previous to such Session to carefully investigate the character of their material, and thereby promote a rapid growth and prosperity of the Order.

Still we are aware that some of the subordinate Temples are exclusive, and do not desire to receive any membership under the form of solicitation. That course is optional entirely with each individual Temple, and is a prerogative which we do not propose to infringe.

But their issue may so qualify the suggested privilege, that applications are to come through some worthy Ill. Noble of the Order, and be subjected to, and submissive to the scrutiny, judgment, and decision of each respective Temple thus applied to.

I merely submit this view for your consideration, and it may be readily qualified to meet all requirements, and subject the Temples to no objectionable point or clause therein contained. It occurs to me that it is the most feasible method of disseminating our precepts, and promoting our advancement and prosperity, that may now be conceived.

This is a matter for the deliberations of the committee, should it be deemed expedient that such a committee be appointed at all.

At our last Annual Session I appointed a committee to wait upon Cyprus and Naja Temples, of the City of Albany, to arrange an amicable consolidation of these two Bodies, and, if possible, bring about a united action and unanimity of feeling.

That committee was composed of Ill. Nobles Edward B. Cox, of Troy, and Frazier W. Hurlburt, of Utica.

This committee, I am happy to state, have performed their duty in the most satisfactory manner, and the result, I am informed, is, that Cyprus and Naja Temples have consolidated under the Charter of Cyprus Temple, and peace and harmony prevail.

PRESENT.

M.: Ill.:	WALTER M. FLEMING.....	Grand Potentate.
Ill.:	GEORGE F. LODER	Deputy Grand Potentate.
"	EDWARD M. L. EHLERS	Grand Chief Rabban.
"	CHARLES T. MCCLENACHAN.....	as Grand Assistant Rabban.
"	CHARLES H. HEYZER.....	Grand High Priest and Prophet.
"	JOSEPH B. EAKINS.....	as Grand Oriental Guide.
"	JOSEPH M. LEVEY.....	as Grand Treasurer.
"	WILLIAM S. PATERSON.....	Grand Recorder.
"	ALBERT P. MORIARTY	Grand Financial Secretary.
"	GEORGE SCOTT.....	as Grand First Ceremonial Master.
"	WILLIAM FOWLER.....	Grand Second Ceremonial Master.
"	JULIUS W. KNOWLTON.....	as Grand Marshal.
"	CHARLES W. TORREY.....	as Grand Captain of the Guard.
"	JOHN S. DICKERMAN.....	as Grand Outer Guard.
"	STEPHEN W. SWIFT.....	Grand Assistant Guard.

A large number of members of the Order was in attendance.

OPENING.

The Imperial Grand Council was opened in Ample Form, with due Invocation and Declaration.

ADMISSION OF NOBLES.

On motion, it was—

Resolved, That all Members of the Order, in good standing, be invited to be present at this Session.

PROCEEDINGS APPROVED.

The Proceedings of the Sixth Session, of June 2, 1880, were read, and, on motion, approved.

ANNUAL ADDRESS.

The M.: I.: GRAND POTENTATE delivered the following Annual Address :

On March 20, 1881, I issued a Dispensation to Cyprus Temple, to hold a special election of officers, and the result was, I am informed, entirely satisfactory, and the above result attained.

Damascus Temple, of the City of Rochester, N. Y., having failed to hold their annual election of officers, as prescribed by the Statutes, I issued Dispensation authorizing them to hold their election May 25, 1881, which, I doubt not, was fulfilled.

I desire, at this time, to call the attention of the proper committee to the investigation of the returns of subordinate Temples, and to observe, also, the dilatory ones, some of which have been remiss in making the proper returns in the past, and see that such delinquent Bodies are communicated with, and secure the necessary reports and returns to this Imperial Grand Council.

Also, to observe the same suggestion as regards the Deputy Representatives of this Grand Body, some of whom have failed to make returns of their works for some time past.

During the past year, I believe we have been spared the record of Fraternal Dead from our number. Although the subordinate Temples have been entered by the Angel of Death, an All-Wise Providence has evidently watched over us in the corps of the Grand Council, and we have no death to record upon our memorial page. In this have we indeed been specially favored, and our entire number spared again to meet in unison and fraternal fealty.

CONDITION OF THE ORDER.

Under this head, I am gratified to say that the Temples which have equipped themselves and taken an interest in the full exemplification and rendition of the work, have met with both popularity and success, and it but requires a little energy on the part of the Ill.^l. Nobles to increase the field of action, and render the Order a success both far and near.

A recapitulation of the titles and localities of the Temples is, at this time, unnecessary, as they have been detailed in all the previous annual addresses.

New Temples have been in anticipation of organizing, but lack of meeting with all necessary requirements has been a barrier to the consummation. There have been, therefore, no new Dispensations or Charters during the interval since our last Annual Session.

There is at present one Temple or more who have not complied with the constitutional requirement, either in Charter Fees or Returns. These delinquencies I respectfully refer to the properly authorized committee. This same subject was submitted to your consideration at our last Annual Session.

REPORTS OF DEPUTIES.

This subject-matter has already been attended to in the earlier portion of this address. I will again repeat, that the delinquencies on the part of some of our Deputies, in making proper reports and returns to the proper officers of this Grand Body, require some specific action to correct the evil.

This matter, together with the neglect on the part of Temples in making their returns, also delay in providing their membership with Certificates or Diplomas, require investigation and correction, as per provision of our Statutes and Regulations.

These are important matters, not only as a necessity for proper government, but as a revenue to this Imperial Grand Council, without which its progress is greatly embarrassed.

The method was adopted by Mecca Temple, of the City of New York, as per action of this Grand Body at its last Annual Session, viz., to introduce a provision in our Statutes and Regulations that the fee for initiation include the Certificate of membership for each individual member, and that the same be provided by the Ill. Recorder of each subordinate Temple. This provision was carried, although we have not issued, as yet, a revised copy of the Statutes and Regulations. The provision prevails.

This at once relieves both the officers and members of the annoyance of individual demand for them to issue the fee and secure the Diploma. The Temple itself at once becomes responsible, and each member entitled to his Certificate.

RITUAL.

In regard to our Ritual, a resolution was passed at our last Annual Session to adopt the revised and corrected Ritual. This was carried, but our exchequer, as yet, has not been equal to the requirement.

We now have a corrected, revised, and undoubtedly a perfect Ritual, and it is much to be regretted that we have not yet been able to issue the same to all the Temples of the Order.

No time or pains were spared to make this esoteric work all that could be desired. It now only remains to have it produced in printed form, and this was hoped to have been consummated before this Session ; but our finances would not warrant the order.

Authority was granted by this Council to the Ritualistic Committee to publish the same at that time, and it is earnestly hoped that the promptness in returns from Temples and Deputies will be such at this time as to enable us to issue the Ritual at once, together with the History of the Order, so carefully and skilfully compiled and arranged by

III. Nobles W. S. PATERSON and A. L. RAWSON. Both these estimable gentlemen, being learned Latin and Arabic scholars, have furnished us with a History that is an honor and a credit to our Order, and a most interesting historical production for the perusal of the masses who have any desire for ancient Oriental information. There is no doubt of the value of this issue in promoting the popularity and prosperity of our Order. It is, therefore, most earnestly desired that both the Ritual and History be published, and I trust no effort will be spared, on the part of our membership, to promote a revenue whereby we may avail ourselves of these great advantages, and leave the Imperial Grand Council free from financial obligation.

FINANCE.

The details of receipts and expenditures I will not weary you with at this time. The Finance Committee can at any time afford all opportunity for detailed report or examination.

I will state, however, for information, that expenditures have continued to exceed receipts.

There having been no Dispensations during the year, you can readily comprehend that the revenue has been solely from subordinate Temple returns and diplomas.

Considerable expense has been incurred during the past year. New certificate blanks have been issued, notices, returns, publications, compilation, and sundry incidental expenses, unavoidable to such an Institution.

In short, the present indebtedness of the Council is a little over six hundred dollars. This would clear us of all obligation, and leave us upon a firm progressive foundation.

Those of you who have not been called upon to meet the expenses naturally accruing, and to devote the time required for perfecting the Ritual, details, notices, etc., and answering all the inquiries and letters of information, know but little of the responsibility a certain few have been compelled to assume to make the Shrine a living thing, and wear a shape among the institutions of our day.

I, for one, should be very loth to assume the burden for another series of years as in the past.

But it has gone through its incubation, and it now stands alone, and destined to be one of the most popular and prosperous Institutions of our day. It only requires a little manifestation of interest and a comparatively small amount of financial support, and it stands clear, alone, and defiant of the storms of persecution or the innovations of time.

JURISPRUDENCE AND LAWS.

I will be brief in this department. Our Statutes and Regulations are all that could be desired, as now amended and added to, as per Resolutions during our last Annual Session. But to accomplish our purpose, the Statutes should be newly published, transmitted, and their provisions properly enforced.

Our Transactions also should be produced in pamphlet form. These are both matters which bring again to our minds the necessity of securing the requisite funds for so doing.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

I here desire to impress upon the Council the importance of perfecting arrangements, whereby our Ritual revised, may be issued, and, if deemed expedient, our Transactions. The latter, however, are not as important as the former.

Also, the necessity of promoting the full returns of Subordinate Temples and procurement of certificates, as well as the reports and returns of Deputies.

I will make no further suggestions in regard to the necessities of our revenue, but I trust some action may be taken whereby we may acquit ourselves of present indebtedness, and secure a fund equal to our immediate requirements for publications.

CONCLUSION.

In conclusion, let me respectfully solicit the co-operation of one and all of our Order to use their individual and united efforts to enlarge our territory, and promote our advancement and success. If the proper interest be manifested, another year will see us far in the ascendancy, free from obligation and embarrassment, and progressing with a praiseworthy success and popularity.

Finally, Ill. Nobles, please permit me to thank you for your kind and patient attention, for your interest in our Order, and for the unqualified confidence reposed in me.

Furthermore, let me assure you that I feel free to congratulate you upon the success and advancement we have achieved so far, and the success that is apparent to us all. Everything cannot be accomplished in a day, and, although we have had much to contend with, I, for one, feel rewarded, even with the progress so well made, and the promising future before us.

I have endeavored to prove faithful and worthy the honor of the exalted position you have been pleased to confer upon me, and I trust our longevity is already assured. Our united efforts cannot fail to secure continued success.

With best wishes and many thanks for your kind attention, I am ever at your command,

WALTER M. FLEMING,
M. I. GRAND POTENTATE.

ADDRESS RECEIVED.

On motion of Noble CHARLES T. McCLENACHAN, it was—

Resolved, That the Address be referred to the various Standing Committees, according to the subjects appertaining thereto.

LETTERS OF REGRET.

Letters of regret for absence were received from—

Noble JESSE B. ANTHONY,
“ BRENTON D. BABCOCK,
“ FRANK H. BASCOM,
“ SAM. BRIGGS,
“ EDWARD B. COX,
“ FRAZIER W. HURLBURT,
“ AARON L. NORTHROP,
“ WILLIAM H. WHITING.

FINANCIAL CONDITION.

On motion of Noble JOSEPH B. EAKINS, it was—

Resolved, That the financial condition of the Imperial Grand Council be referred to the Finance Committee, to report at next Session.

On motion, Noble Charles H. Heyzer was added to the Committee on Finance.

EXECUTIVE SESSION.

The Imperial Grand Council was declared open in Executive Session.

RESIGNATION OF ACTIVE MEMBERS.

The M. I. GRAND POTENTATE presented the-resignations of—

Noble SAMUEL R. CARTER,
“ SAMUEL HARPER,
“ CLINTON F. PAIGE,
“ JOHN W. SIMONS,
“ CHARLES H. THOMSON,
“ J. H. HOBART WARD,
“ JOHN D. WILLIAMS,

which were accepted.

ACTIVE MEMBERS.

The following Nobles were duly nominated, balloted for; and elected to Active Membership :

Noble CHARLES H. HEYZER, of New York, N. Y.

“ JULIUS W. KNOWLTON, of Bridgeport, Conn.

“ FRANK H. VICK, of Rochester, N. Y.

They were then raised to the dignity of Past Potentates, and declared Active Members of the Imperial Grand Council.

DEPUTY FOR CALIFORNIA.

On motion, Noble JOHN H. GRAY was appointed Deputy for the State of California.

The Executive Session was then closed.

POWERS OF DEPUTIES.

On motion of Noble GEORGE F. LODER, it was—

Resolved, That a Deputy or any other Noble now entitled to confer the Order shall not have the power to confer the ceremonies and honors of the Nobles of the Mystic Shrine until the names and facts have been submitted to the M. I. Grand Potentate, and his consent first had.

Which was referred to the Committee on Statutes.

SUSPENSION OR EXPULSION.

On motion of Noble CHARLES W. TORREY, that it be—

Resolved, That in Article II., Section 14, the clause reading, “ shall, ipso facto, cause his suspension or expulsion from *his Temple in* this Order,” be amended by striking out the words, “ his Temple in,”—

The Resolution was referred to the Imperial Council as a Committee of the Whole, and adopted.

FUNDS OF NAJA TEMPLE.

On motion of Noble JOHN S. DICKERMAN, it was—

Resolved, That the funds held in behalf of Naja Temple be credited to the financial accounts of Cyprus Temple.

REPORT OF GRAND RECORDER.

The Grand Recorder presented the following Annual Report, which was received :

No. Active Members in 1880.....	32
“ Elected at this Session.....	3
“ Active Members in 1881.....	28
“ Past Active Members.....	14
“ Deputies.....	19
“ Temples.....	14

The membership of the various Temples is as follows, to December 31, 1880 :

AL KORAN, in 1879, 44; created 3.....	47
CYPRUS	36
DAMASCUS.....	148
MECCA, in 1879, 77; created 114; affiliated, 1; died, 1.....	191
MEDINA	10
MOHAMMED	10
MOSLEM.....	26
MOUNT SINAI, in 1879, 13; died, 1.....	12
ORIENTAL	12
PYRAMID, of Bridgeport, in 1879, 12; created 4.....	16
PYRAMID, of Davenport, in 1879, 18; created 3.....	21
SYRIA	37
SYRIAN.....	9
ZIYARA.....	12
Total for 1880.....	587
“ “ 1879.....	438
Increase for 1880.....	149

STANDING COMMITTEES.

The Most Illustrious GRAND POTENTATE continued the following Standing Committees :

I.—*Transactions of the Grand Officers.*

Noble CHARLES T. MCCLENACHAN,

“ JOHN W. SIMONS,

“ WILLIAM H. WHITING.

II.—*Dispensations and Charters.*

Noble ALBERT P. MORIARTY,

“ FRANK H. BASCOM,

“ EDWARD M. L. EHLERS.

III.—*Finance and Accounts.*

Noble GEORGE F. LODER,

“ JOHN L. STETTINIUS,

“ SAMUEL HARPER.

IV.—*Grievances and Appeals.*

Noble WILLIAM J. FLORENCE.

“ GEORGE W. MILLAR,

“ BENSEN SHERWOOD,

V.—*Jurisprudence and Laws.*

Noble ROBERT H. WATERMAN,

“ TOWNSEND FONDEY,

“ PHILIP F. LENHART.

COMMITTEE ON RITUAL AND STATUTES.

The Committee on Ritual and Statutes was continued as follows :

Noble CHARLES T. MCCLENACHAN,

“ EDWARD M. L. EHLERS,

“ J. H. HOBART WARD.

INVITATION.

An invitation was received from Mecca Temple, asking the Imperial Grand Council to attend the Special Session of that Body, this evening, which was accepted.

The Imperial Grand Council attended in full form, and witnessed the full ceremony of the Mystic Shrine conferred on a large number of candidates, in most excellent form, and afterwards participated in the banquet provided for the occasion.

THANKS FOR ROOM.

On motion of Noble CHARLES W. TORREY, it was—

Resolved, That a vote of thanks be tendered to Mecca Temple, for its generosity in placing their Rooms, in Temple Hall, at the disposal of the Imperial Grand Council for this Annual Session.

CLOSING.

On motion, the reading of the Proceedings was dispensed with.

The Imperial Grand Council was closed in Ample Form, with due Invocation and Declaration.

The Proceedings of the Seventh Annual Session are approved.

WALTER M. FLEMING,

M. . I. . GRAND POTENTATE.

ATTEST :

WILLIAM S. PATERSON,

ILL. . GRAND RECORDER.

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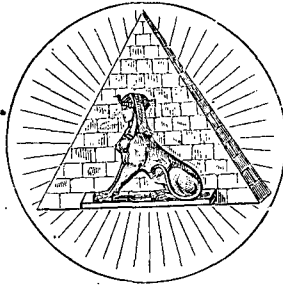
NOBLES OF THE MYSTIC SHRINE,

اشراف الامن سري مسريع

FOR THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

EIGHTH ANNUAL PROCEEDINGS,

JUNE 7, 1882.



GRAND ORIENT:

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NEW YORK.

A. H. 1300—A. D. 1883.



THE IMPERIAL COUNCIL

FOR

The United States of America.

OFFICERS FOR 1882—1883.

WALTER M. FLEMING.....	<i>M. I. Grand Potentate,</i> No. 57 WEST FORTY-FIFTH STREET, NEW YORK.
GEORGE F. LODER.....	<i>Deputy Grand Potentate,</i> ROCHESTER.
EDWARD M. L. EHLERS.....	<i>Grand Chief Rabban,</i> NEW YORK.
SAM BRIGGS.....	<i>Grand Assistant Rabban,</i> CLEVELAND.
WILLIAM H. WHITING.....	<i>Grand High Priest and Prophet,</i> ROCHESTER.
FRAZIER W. HURLBURT.....	<i>Grand Oriental Guide,</i> UTICA.
AARON L. NORTHROP.....	<i>Grand Treasurer,</i> NEW YORK.
WILLIAM S. PATERSON.....	<i>Grand Recorder,</i> No. 455 FOURTH AVENUE, NEW YORK.
BRENTON D. BABCOCK.....	<i>Grand First Ceremonial Master,</i> CLEVELAND.
WILLIAM FOWLER.....	<i>Grand Second Ceremonial Master,</i> NEW YORK.
EDWARD B. COX.....	<i>Grand Marshal,</i> TROY.
JOHN S. DICKERMAN.....	<i>Grand Captain of the Guard,</i> ALBANY.
CHARLES W. TORREY.....	<i>Grand Outer Guard,</i> NEW YORK.
STEPHEN W. SWIFT.....	<i>Grand Assistant Guard,</i> NEW YORK.

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Nobles of the Mystic Shrine,

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FOR THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

GRAND ORIENT, NEW YORK.

EIGHTH ANNUAL SESSION—1882.

THE Eighth Annual Session of the Imperial Council for the United States, pursuant to Resolution of February 4, 1880, was held at the Grand Orient, City of New York, N. Y., at Al Beyt Ullahi'l-Haram of Mecca Temple, in the Masonic Temple, on Nahar el Arbaa, the 20th day of the seventh Arabic month of Rajab, A.H. 1299, corresponding to the 7th day of June, A.D. 1882, at two o'clock P.M., and in accordance with the notice issued to all Officers, Members, and Temples as follows :

OFFICE OF MOST ILLUSTRIOUS GRAND POTENTATE,

NEW YORK, May 1, 1882.

ILLUSTRIOUS NOBLE :

The Imperial Council of the A. A. O. N. M. S. will hold its Eighth Annual Session in the City of New York, on Wednesday, June 7, 1882, at Masonic Temple, at 2 o'clock P. M. Important business will be transacted, and it is earnestly hoped that the officers and representatives will find it consistent to attend.

Subordinate Temples, one or more years in arrears for dues to the Imperial Council, are respectfully referred to Section XXXIX., Statutes and Regulations.

All individual members of the Order, not provided with DIPLOMAS, are referred to Section XXI., Statutes and Regulations. The Ill. Grand Potentates of all subordinate Temples are responsible for the enforcement of requirements of Statutes and Regulations. The sources from which the revenues of the Imperial Council are derived are largely represented by the above mentioned sections.

The Presiding Officer of each Subordinate Temple is hereby requested to direct his Ill. Recorder to make out a complete list of membership of the Temple, with date of each initiation; also, to check the names of such members as are provided with Imperial Council Diplomas, and make such return to this Imperial Body on or before its coming annual session, June 7, 1882, accompanied with Diploma fee for each member not already holding one, and said certificates will be immediately filled out by the Ill. Grand Recorder and forwarded to their respective Temples.

All Deputies of this Imperial Body are hereby ordered to make their full returns, on or before this coming session.

Delinquencies of subordinate bodies have prevented the publication of the past Transactions of the Imperial Council, and will also prevent the payment of MILEAGE AND PER DIEM to officers and representatives at its coming session, UNLESS THESE DELINQUENCIES ARE PROMPTLY ADJUSTED.

The liquidation of these important obligations, therefore, cannot be too strongly urged.

SPECIAL NOTICE.—The Imperial Council has just issued its newly revised Ritual, rearranged and elegantly bound, perfect in all its details of the Properties, Paraphernalia, and elucidation of the work.

All subordinate Temples and Deputies are entitled to copies of this Ritual, for every copy of the old Ritual returned to the Most Illustrious Grand Potentate. All representatives attending the coming session of the Imperial Council should bring their Rituals with them. All copies sent by mail or express should be securely wrapped and sealed, and directed to the M. I. Grand Potentate, accompanied by a letter of application for the new Ritual. On receipt of the new copy, the accompanying blank receipt for the same must be filled out and mailed to the M. I. Grand Potentate.

The price for additional or extra copies will be Five Dollars for each copy.

Your presence at this coming session of the Imperial Council is fraternally solicited.

Courteously yours in the Shrine,

WALTER M. FLEMING, 33°.

WILLIAM S. PATERSON, 33°, MOST ILL. GRAND POTENTATE.
ILL. GRAND RECORDER.

PRESENT.

III. WALTER M. FLEMING,	M. I. Grand Potentate.
" CHARLES H. HEYZER,	as Deputy Grand Potentate.
" GEORGE W. MILLAR,	as Grand Chief Rabban.
" JOSEPH B. EAKINS,	as Grand Assistant Rabban.
" WILLIAM H. WHITING,	Grand High Priest & Prophet.
" FRAZIER W. HURLBURT,	Grand Oriental Guide.
" JOSEPH M. LEVEY,	as Grand Treasurer.
" WILLIAM S. PATERSON,	Grand Recorder.
" DAVIS D. OSTERHOUDT,	as Grand First Cer. Master,
" WILLIAM FOWLER,	Grand Second Cer. Master.
" JAMES MCGEE,	as Grand Marshal.
" D. BURNHAM TRACY,	as Grand Captain of the Guard.
" CHARLES W. TORREY,	Grand Outer Guard.
" STEPHEN W. SWIFT,	Grand Assistant Guard.

ACTIVE MEMBERS.

Noble JOSEPH B. EAKINS,
" CHARLES H. HEYZER,
" JULIUS W. KNOWLTON,
" CHARLES T. MCCLENACHAN,
" GEORGE W. MILLAR.

PAST ACTIVE MEMBERS.

Noble ALBERT L. RAWSON,
" GEORGE SCOTT,
" CHARLES H. THOMSON,
" J. H. HOBART WARD,
" JOHN D. WILLIAMS.

REPRESENTATIVES OF TEMPLES.

Noble WILLIAM E. FITCH,	Cyprus Temple.
" WILLIAM H. WHITING,	Damascus Temple.
" WALTER M. FLEMING,	Mecca Temple.
" D. BURNHAM TRACY,	Moslem Temple.
" JULIUS W. KNOWLTON,	Pyramid Temple.
" CHARLES HENRY FLACH,	Syrian Temple.
" FRAZIER W. HURLBURT,	Ziyara Temple.

REPRESENTATIVE FOR EASTERN COUNTRIES.

Noble ALBERT L. RAWSON.

DEPUTIES.

Noble	EDWARD W. ATWOOD,	Connecticut.
"	JEROME B. BORDEN,	New Jersey.
"	JOHN F. COLLINS,	New York.
"	JOSEPH B. EAKINS,	New York.
"	AUGUSTUS W. PETERS,	New York.
"	CHARLES W. TORREY,	New York.
"	D. BURNHAM TRACY,	Michigan.

VISITORS.

And a large number of the Nobles of the Order, who were Visitors from various parts of the United States.

OPENING.

The Imperial Council was opened in full ceremonial form, with due Invocation and Declaration.

ADMISSION OF NOBLES.

On motion of Noble CHARLES W. TORREY, it was—

Resolved, That Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, properly accredited, be, and they are hereby, invited to be present during the Session of the Imperial Council.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE SEVENTH ANNUAL SESSION.

The Proceedings of the Seventh Annual Session were read in full by the Grand Recorder.

On motion of Noble JOSEPH B. EAKINS, it was—

Resolved, That the Proceedings of the last Annual Session be approved and adopted.

ANNUAL ADDRESS.

The M. I. Grand Potentate submitted and read the following Annual Address :

NEW YORK, June 3, 1882.

TO THE OFFICERS, OFFICIAL REPRESENTATIVES, AND ILLUSTRIOUS NOBLES OF THE IMPERIAL COUNCIL OF THE ANCIENT ARABIC ORDER OF THE NOBLES OF THE MYSTIC SHRINE FOR THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA :

Once more we are permitted by an all wise Providence to meet, in this our Eighth Annual Session of this Imperial Council of our Oriental Order. Our works and advancement are slowly, but surely, placing us among the first and most popular of all secret alliances of filial Fraternity. Renewed interest has manifested

itself, and the most encouraging encomiums greet us on every side. The untutored opposers and stigmatizers of the Order are fast passing into unheeded shadows, and many of the most sarcastic ridiculers in the past are now knocking at our Portals for admission.

Those who have been so fortunate as to be admitted, and assumed "the Arab's Vow," are palpably our most enthusiastic Disciples, and the most demonstrative appreciators of our Esoteric Ceremonials. Our emblems are becoming numerous, and the Crescent is in the ascendant. Our Banners are decorating new Temples and new fields. New honors evidently await us, and the rapid creation of the Sons of the Desert evince the increasing strength and stature of the Shrine.

And we trust the day is not far distant when the Crescent, the Templar Cross, and the Prussian Eagle, will stand intermingled throughout the length and breadth of the Old and New Worlds, when the Tripod of Foundation, Stability, and Longevity will rest indestructible, one each in the Insignia of these three great Institutions, that shall defy Battle, Age, or Decay. The fealty and zeal of our Disciples will assure this ultimatum.

There are few institutions that have been so slow in incubation, that have so rapidly arisen to such a status when once the helpless infancy was passed. It is not unlike the offspring of the fisherman, who for a few short years plays about the shores of the sea, and gradually emerges into strengthening youth. Then at once into sturdy manhood, he fearlessly casts his lot upon the face of the turbulent deep, defying the storm, and skilfully guiding his bark to where he will, reaping the successes and achieving the honors despite the tranquillity, or the foaming turbulency, of the deep. Too much tranquillity oftentimes sadly mars. Ours has been the quiet apathy and inactivity of many of our subordinate Temples. On the other hand, the turbulency has been what may well be termed "The adverse faction." Both have been formidable adversaries to overcome. The latter, has been the easier to conquer and subdue. The former, the inactive ones, are "slow to wrath," and many are like a billow on the excited waters, swelling to a mountain, in appearance overpowering, then calmly and peacefully receding to a placid quietude, and is heard no more, until the rising winds again awaken them to another temporary uprising, but again to settle into apathy and tranquillity. The billow will not arise without the force of the winds. The calm will still prevail, and the vessel slow in speed. But once the blast begins, the waves arise, and as it continues, so will the waters arise, to a magnitude most formidable; and once swollen to such a height, even the gentle breezes following after will make the swell roll on. Try and remember this simple simile, my Illustrious Nobles, and mark if we may not profit thereby.

CONDITION OF THE ORDER.

The past year has been for us an eminently successful one in localities, but not so generally, or universally. No new Temples have been formed, but some *impetus* has been administered to Temples chartered in the past. The interest should be such as to promote the Dispensation of new Temples. Enthusiasm asserts itself spasmodically, and dies ere it is born.

I have held much correspondence, have many enquiries, but no tidings after. Members have been made in all quarters, some in the remote portions of our land, mostly gratuities repaid by promises of the great achievements that will follow. My experience has been that *not one* such has made returns of accomplishing anything, not even interest enough to *confer* at the minimum fee, with the endeavor to form Temples. I, therefore, frankly here announce myself as personally opposed to such future action. If it be worth the having, and the ambition to exemplify it exist, it is at least worthy of its financial recognition. I regard it as detrimental to the Order to proceed thus, and endeavor to promote a success, through the auspices of those who, in their ambition to attain the honor and possess the Ritual, reward us merely with the boasts of what they can do, if they only had statutory authority. The usual result is, if they confer it at all, it is for their own personal aggrandizement, and their reports never come.

DEPUTIES.

In regard to our Deputies, many make no effort to advance the prosperity of the Order. They promote the Dispensation of no Temples. They do not confer the Order at all; or, if they do, they make no returns. I think some special effort should be made, either to inspire our Deputies to aid our cause, which we are laboring so hard and so strenuously to advance, or prevail upon them to submit their authority to some more capable or interested successor. Perhaps their occupation and time may not be favorable for their devotion to the Mystic Shrine. If so, why were it not better to relinquish the task, that it may be intrusted to some Representative who can devote a little time to promote the advancement and prosperity of the Order? I should like to see some action taken in this matter at this Session of the Imperial Council.

ANNUAL RETURNS.

I would also call the attention of the Committee on Jurisprudence and Laws to the fact of the neglect of returns from several of the subordinate Temples, that they may offer some resolution, and this requirement be enforced, or the remedy provided by our

Statutes be administered, whether it be a censure, a recall of the Charter, or an official exposure of the same throughout our jurisdiction. Our Laws are useless unless enforced.

INCREASED REVENUE.

I would respectfully suggest that our Statutes and Regulations provide for a per capita tax, to be levied in each subordinate Temple, instead of the provision that each subordinate Temple pay a stipulated sum per annum. The Imperial Council is impoverished from the inefficient source from which its revenue is derived, and some remedy is indispensable.

All these important points should be remedied at the present Session.

JURISDICTION.

The subject of Jurisdiction was perfected at our last annual Session, and is to appear in our next issue of the Statutes and Regulations.

RITUAL.

I am happy to state that a newly revised and perfected Ritual, well printed and beautifully bound, has been recently issued ; but this has been solely through the zeal of your Ritualistic Committee, and the kindly favor and aid of the four working Temples, namely, Mecca, Al Koran, Syrian, and Moslem. We, therefore, have a *perfect* Ritual, free to all who now hold the original Ritual, on returning the same, and giving a receipt for the new one.

WORK OF THE TEMPLES.

Three of the above mentioned Temples are fully equipped, and exemplifying the work in most commendable form. Moslem Temple of Detroit, Mich., was recently visited by all the officers and several members of Mecca Temple of this City, numbering twenty-three, and the work fully rendered, both afternoon and evening ; and we trust that Moslem Temple will soon compare with or exceed in the exemplification of her three sister Temples.

I regret to say, however, that we have on record eleven Temples which have not yet fully equipped, nor rendered the work in full form, but simply confer the same. If any method can be devised by the wisdom of this Council, I should be most happy to see some process whereby they may be induced to provide suitable paraphernalia, and make an effort to work the ceremonies. Undoubtedly the best plan is to send out working Delegations, and awaken their zeal, but this is not always possible.

COMPLIMENTARY.

The enthusiasm and advancement that have already been attained are largely due to our Illustrious Noble and Deputy, Captain JOSEPH B. EAKINS; and it is a well deserved compliment to give him the credit due his activity. Great credit, also, is due to our Chief Representative of the West, our Illustrious Deputy of Ohio, SAM BRIGGS, of Cleveland. His unwearied efforts have done much for the advancement of the Order. I cannot pass by the honorable mention of the untiring interest manifested by our Illustrious Recorder, WILLIAM S. PATERSON, our Nestor, CHARLES T. MCCLENACHAN and Professor A. L. RAWSON, and, in short, all the prominent officers at these Headquarters.

THE FRATERNAL DEAD.

During the past year we have again been particularly favored by Divine Providence, and I am glad to be able to say that our ranks have not been decimated by death.

As far as my knowledge extends one of our Active Members and a Deputy have been taken from us.

The first of whom I speak was the Illustrious Deputy of Ottawa, Canada, T. DOUGLAS HARRINGTON, 33°, who died in the Dominion on January 13, 1882. I had not the honor of a personal acquaintance with this Illustrious Noble, but I am informed that he was a gentleman of culture and refinement, an earnest and zealous Mason, a liberal dispenser of charity, and a faithful and enthusiastic Representative of the Shrine. I would respectfully suggest that a more detailed history of his past be procured, and a memorial page be set apart to his memory.

Quite recently we were deprived of one of our most promising members, Illustrious Noble TOWNSEND FONDEY, 33°, of the City of Albany, who died on the 19th of May, after a short illness with pneumonia and final paralysis.

Illustrious Noble Fondey was a distinguished and enthusiastic worker in the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite. I had the pleasure of knowing him intimately for the last twelve years. He was an earnest worker, a true Mason, and ever a kind and courteous gentleman.

I had the pleasure of conferring the Order of the Mystic Shrine upon him a few years ago, and he became the First Potentate in Najah Temple in the City of Albany. He always took a lively interest in our Order, and was an Active Member of this Imperial Council. Let us hope that his final rest is as calm and peaceful as that of the Widow's Son.

Let a memorial page to his memory be set apart in our Proceedings and upon our Records.

CHARTERS AND DISPENSATIONS.

Under this head I have but little information to impart at this time to this Imperial Council. Although applications have been negotiated in several instances, the authority has so far not been granted, on account of non-compliance with one or more requirements.

On March 15, 1882, I granted a Dispensation to Illustrious Deputy SAM BRIGGS, of Cleveland, Ohio, investing him with power to confer the Order beyond his jurisdiction, where deemed expedient, for the benefit of the Order, carefully, however, avoiding any infringement upon any already established jurisdiction of other Deputies or Subordinate Temples.

I have also granted authority in several instances to confer the Order upon desirable novitiates, individually by other Deputies, for the advancement of the Order.

CORRESPONDENCE.

A recapitulation of the numerous Letters and Correspondence relative to the Shrine, time nor space will allow.

TEMPLES.

The number and name of all our Subordinate Temples are familiar to you all, therefore need no review.

There still remains one instance where a Temple was chartered, and neither the M. Ill. Grand Potentate nor the Grand Recorder has received the required Fee. This matter was placed in the hands of a committee at our last Session.

REPORTS OF DEPUTIES AND TEMPLES.

I have already alluded to this special subject matter in a previous portion of this address. I regret to say there exists an unpardonable delay in the returns of many of our authorized Representatives. Constitutional authority has been granted to several—remote from these Headquarters, and under the highest endorsements and recommendations. Still we can get no returns, reports, nor explanations as to the use that such authority has been put to. I would respectfully suggest that a Circular Letter be transmitted to said Deputies and Representatives, as well as delinquent Subordinate Temples, bearing the provision of our Statutes and Regulations in relation thereto, and that the same be enforced. Also that in accordance with the Resolutions already passed, all Subordinate Temples be notified of the requirement in regard to Initiation Fees, found in Section XXI. of the Statutes.

COMMITTEE ON RITUAL.

Your Committee on Ritual have completed their labors, the newly revised work issued, and it awaits the application of those entitled thereto, who will be supplied on the return of the primary Ritual. The said committee is now entitled to its discharge from this particular work, with such praises as this Imperial Council may determine.

FINANCIAL STATUS.

The details of expenditures and receipts of this Imperial Body are in the hands of your Financial Committee, and I sincerely trust that some approximation of an adjustment may be arrived at at this time. I will state for the information of this Council that there still remains some indebtedness.

The history of the expense and outlay for the establishment and continuance of our Order, since 1871, about eleven years, has been no small task or sacrifice. This has fallen almost entirely upon your Presiding Officer, and no insignificant amount also upon our Illustrious Noble and Deputy, and, I may say, instigator of the project, WILLIAM J. FLORENCE. A vote of thanks, therefore, is eminently due Noble FLORENCE for his interest in, tenacity to, and sacrifices for the Mystic Shrine, being first to bring it to available disposal.

Heretofore in the recent past the income has been comparatively small, therefore the requirements paid, and the obligations met, were necessarily personal. I trust this may be adjusted, and such a course pursued that henceforth our Proceedings may be published, our History issued, and our status affirmed.

WORK DONE SINCE INCEPTION.

It would require a volume to contain the entire detail of this formidable work during the past eleven years. Its incubation, translation, History, compiling Ritual, engravings, prints, Charters, Dispensations, Diplomas, reprints, recapitulations, and reconstructions, the Order conferred upon supposed desirable material, Diplomas donated, etc., and yet but few of the original "Sons of the Desert" lend us a tithe of aid or support, either in presence, Dues, work, or hardly an encouraging word to favor the Cause. The task has many times been a most wearisome one. But, thank God, with the aid of the loyal few, we are growing to a magnitude that will soon become a gigantic and imperishable monument to the energetic few who have at last secured its establishment and continuance.

JURISPRUDENCE AND LAWS.

The important matters under this head were referred at last Annual Session to the appropriate committee.

The matter of jurisdiction was settled and is now on record.

The committee was a permanent one, and consisted of ROBERT H. WATERMAN, of Albany, TOWNSEND FONDEY, of Albany (recently deceased), and PHILIP F. LENHART, of this City. This committee was appointed in 1880, and now requires reorganization, or a new committee. Illustrious Noble TOWNSEND FONDEY is no more, Illustrious Noble P. F. LENHART has retired from Active Membership in the Imperial Council, and Illustrious Noble R. H. WATERMAN alone remains. Therefore a new Committee on Jurisprudence and Laws is indispensable and appointment is required. The compilation and issue of the newly Revised Ritual was also authorized by this committee, and now I am most happy to say that work also is complete and perfect.

PUBLICATION OF PROCEEDINGS.

The publication of our Proceedings at an early date is most desirable, and would, no doubt, promote the advancement of the Order. We hope speedily to accomplish this, and perhaps give in this issue a synopsis from the beginning of our work in 1871.

• STATE COUNCILS.

I desire to say that, under an early provision of the Statutes, delegates were to be elected by State Councils for membership in the Imperial Council. This has been done recently, I am informed, by one State. This action is deemed inexpedient at the present time, as the provisions therefor are doubtful, and the matter is submitted for your consideration.

GRIEVANCE.

There are some matters of grievance between Pyramid Temple, of Bridgeport, and Mohammed Temple, of New Haven, Conn., which, it is believed, may be harmoniously adjusted if proper action be taken at this Session by the appropriate committee, and it is the earnest desire of your Presiding Officer that the matter be attended to immediately, as no action was taken at previous Sessions when attention was directed to this subject.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

In conclusion, let me appeal to the Membership on the necessity of an active interest on the part of each and every one, so essential to the progress and prosperity of any great institution. The local few cannot achieve all. The universal many must come to the

rescue. All the correspondence from and to anticipated new material and new Temples has fallen upon your Presiding Officer, and to a great extent also upon your Illustrious Grand Recorder. My best endeavors have been to encourage the establishment of Temples. But it is not an easy task.

Finally, Illustrious Nobles, please permit me to urge your united efforts in the Cause. Encourage, first, equipment and exemplification in Temples already formed, and that will promote organization of new Temples. By so doing, in another year, or perhaps two years, our Records will be replete with the fast accruing successes.

I have endeavored to prove worthy the trust reposed in me, in the exalted position I have held so long, and hope that the fruits of our labors will soon ripen to our most sanguine expectations. Please accept my sincere thanks for your unceasing kindness and courtesy to me in my official capacity as well as individually; and thanking you for your kind attention throughout this somewhat lengthy address, I am yours in the Mystic Shrine, ever to command,

WALTER M. FLEMING.

M. I. L. GRAND POTENTATE.

ADDRESS REFERRED TO SPECIAL COMMITTEE.

On motion of Noble CHARLES H. HEYZER, it was—

Resolved, That the Annual Address of the M. I. L. Grand Potentate be referred to a special committee, for subdivision and for reference to the appropriate committees.

COMMITTEE ON ADDRESS.

The M. I. L. Grand Potentate appointed as the Special Committee on Address:

Noble CHARLES H. HEYZER,
 “ AUGUSTUS W. PETERS,
 “ GEORGE W. MILLAR.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

The M. I. L. Grand Potentate appointed the following Standing Committees:

I.—*Transactions of the Grand Officers.*

Noble CHARLES T. MCCLENACHAN,
 “ D. BURNHAM TRACY,
 “ WILLIAM H. WHITING.

II.—*Dispensations and Charters.*

Noble CHARLES W. TORREY,
 “ WILLIAM FOWLER,
 “ WILLIAM B. MELISH.

III.—*Finance and Accounts.*

Noble CHARLES H. HEYZER,
“ GEORGE F. LODER,
“ WILLIAM H. WHITING.

IV.—*Grievances and Appeals.*

Noble GEORGE W. MILLAR,
“ CHARLES W. TORREY,
“ WILLIAM J. FLORENCE.

V.—*Jurisprudence and Laws.*

Noble CHARLES T. MCCLENACHAN,
“ CHARLES ROOME,
“ ROBERT H. WATERMAN.

VI.—*Mileage and Pay of Representatives.*

Noble JOSEPH B. EAKINS,
“ CHARLES H. HEYZER,
“ CHARLES W. TORREY.

COMMITTEE ON RITUAL AND STATUTES.

The Committee on Ritual and Statutes from the inception of the Order was continued, as follows:

Noble CHARLES T. MCCLENACHAN,
“ EDWARD M. L. EHLERS,
“ J. H. HOBART WARD.

ABSENT OFFICERS AND MEMBERS.

The Grand Recorder submitted letters of regret for the necessity of their absence, which were received from—

Noble FRANK H. BASCOM,
“ SAM BRIGGS,
“ EDWARD M. L. EHLERS,
“ WILLIAM J. FLORENCE,
“ JOHN H. GRAY,
“ GEORGE F. LODER,
“ AARON L. NORTHROP.

PERMISSION TO RECEIVE DIPLOMAS.

Noble D. BURNHAM TRACY, Deputy for Michigan, asked permission to receive a number of Diplomas for the Members of Moslem Temple, upon a proper requisition for the same.

On motion of Noble CHARLES H. HEYZER, it was—

Resolved, That Moslem Temple, of Detroit, Michigan, be allowed to receive the number of Diplomas it requires for its Members, the

fees therefor to be returned to the Ill. Grand Recorder on or before the next Session.

MEMBERSHIP OF THE IMPERIAL COUNCIL.

On motion of Noble C. T. McCLENACHAN, it was—

Resolved, That the Committee on Jurisprudence and Laws be, and they are hereby, directed, with plenary powers, to define and declare the intent of the constitution of membership of the Imperial Council.

DIRECTORY.

On motion of Noble C. T. McCLENACHAN, it was—

Resolved, That a Directory of three members of the Imperial Council, exercising adjudicatory and executive powers during the interim of the Annual Sessions, be established, and that a Special Committee be appointed by the M. Ill. Grand Potentate to frame the duties and powers thereof.

The M. Ill. Grand Potentate appointed as

The Committee on Powers of the Directory :

Noble JOSEPH B. EAKINS,
" WILLIAM H. WHITING,
" D. BURNHAM TRACY.

PREVIOUS LEGISLATION.

On motion of the Committee on Jurisprudence and Laws, it was—

Resolved, That the Ill. Grand Recorder be directed to furnish to the Committee on Jurisprudence and Laws all legislation affecting the Statutes and Regulations, which has been had at previous Sessions.

SUMMARY OF RESOLUTIONS.

The Ill. Grand Recorder presented the following summary of the legislation had at previous Sessions:

FEBRUARY 5, 1879.

1. *Jurisdiction of Subordinate Temples.*

Resolved, that the jurisdiction of a subordinate Temple shall include no more than the Territory under the jurisdiction of two adjacent Commanderies of Knights Templar of distinct and separate jurisdictions, or the Territory under the cognizance of a Body of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite.

FEBRUARY 4, 1880.

2. *Annual Sessions.*

Resolved, That the Annual Sessions of this Imperial Council be held in the City of New York, in the month of June, and during the Communications of the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of the State of New York.

3. *Initiation Fees.*

Resolved, That the Ill.^o Grand Recorder be directed to notify every Temple and Deputy of the requirement that the initiation fee of two dollars shall accompany the annual reports, in accordance with Section XXI. of the Statutes and Regulations.

4. *Revision of the Ritual.*

Resolved, That the revision of the Ritual be referred to the Committee on Ritual and Statutes, with plenary power to act and publish.

5. *History and Proceedings.*

Resolved, That the History and previous Proceedings of this Imperial Council be published, under the direction of the M.^o Ill.^o Grand Potentate, with plenary power.

JUNE 2, 1880.

6. *Jurisdiction over Applicants.*

Resolved, That any applicant for initiation and membership in a subordinate Temple without the jurisdiction of the State of his residence, where there is already established a Temple, shall not be received without the permission of such Temple.

7. *History.*

Resolved, That the revised History of the Order be issued by the Ill.^o Grand Recorder, under the auspices of this Imperial Council, the cost of the same, when approved, to be met by the Council.

JUNE 9, 1881.

8. *Suspension or Expulsion.*

Resolved, That in Section XLI., the clause reading, "shall, ipso facto, cause his suspension or expulsion from *his Temple* in this Order," be amended by striking out the words, "*his Temple* in."

9. *Powers of Deputies.*

Resolved, That a Deputy or any other Noble now entitled to confer the Order shall not have the power to confer the ceremonies and honors of the Nobles of the Mystic Shrine until the

	Brought forward,	\$1,139.49
Sept. 26, 1877.	E. O. Jenkins, Ritual account,	50.00
Nov. 12, "	Thitchener & Co., printing,	33.25
Dec. 31, "	Annual cash outlay as per detail, . .	19.80
Jan. 31, 1878.	Casket and Pall,	70.00
Feb. 3, "	Transportation bill from Rochester, .	8.75
Oct. 26, "	Thitchener & Co., printing,	18.25
Dec. 27, "	Annual incidental detail outlay, . .	17.92
Jan., 1879.	W. S. Paterson, year's stationery, post- age, etc.,	10.00
Jan. 14, 1879.	Thitchener & Co., printing account, .	14.00
Jan. 16, "	" " " " " " " " " " " " " "	9.00
Feb. 3, "	A. P. Moriarty, engrossing, mail, etc.,	16.00
Dec. "	Annual outlay, as per detail,	25.80
Feb., 1880.	W. S. Paterson, year outlay, mail, etc.,	8.00
Feb. 24, 1880.	Thitchener & Glastaeter, printing, .	9.50
May 24, "	E. Bierstadt, Diplomas, etc.,	50.00
May 28, "	Thitchener & Co., printing bill, . . .	19.32
June 14, "	Haroun & Bierstadt, Diplomas and Char- ter account,	55.00
June 14, "	Thitchener & Co., letter printing same,	7.75
Sept. 17, "	A. P. Moriarty, services,	17.00
Jan., 1881.	Annual cash outlay, mail, stationery, etc.,	13.27
"	A. P. Moriarty, services engrossing account,	12.00
Feb. 23, 1881.	A. P. Moriarty, cash on services, . . .	42.00
Sept. 19, "	E. O. Jenkins, balancing account, print- ing Ritual and Statutes, paid by W. S. Paterson,	101.68
Dec. 31, "	Annual incidental expense account, .	13.30
June, 1882.	Cash expenses to date,	13.71

Total Disbursements, . . \$1,794.79

CASH RECEIPTS.

1876 to 1872. Mecca Temple, New York, Charter Fee, . .	\$50.00
Damascus Temple, Rochester, N. Y., " " . .	50.00
Al Koran Temple, Cleveland, Ohio, " " . .	50.00
Mt. Sinai Temple, Montpelier, Vt., " " . .	50.00
Syrian Temple, Pittsburgh, Pa., " " . .	50.00
Cyprus Temple, Albany, N. Y., " " . .	50.00
Najah Temple, Albany, N. Y., " " . .	50.00
Ziyara Temple, Utica, N. Y., " " . .	50.00
Carried forward,	\$400.00

Brought forward,	\$400.00
New Haven, Conn.,	Charter Fee, not paid
Bridgeport Temple, Conn.,	" " 50.00
Oriental Temple, Troy, N. Y.,	" " 50.00
Syrian Temple, Cincinnati, Ohio,	" " 50.00
Pyramid Temple, Davenport, Iowa,	" " 50.00
Medina Temple, Atchison, Kansas,	" " 50.00
Moslem Temple, Detroit, Mich.,	" " 50.00
Diplomas,	 14.00
"	 26.00
"	 2.00
1877. Al Koran Temple, Diplomas,	 32.00
Deputy Authority,	 10.00
Syrian Temple, Diplomas,	 22.00
Oriental Temple, Troy, Diplomas,	 20.00
1878. Deputy Authority, Pittsburgh, Pa.,	 10.00
Diplomas,	 14.00
Cyprus Temple, Albany, N. Y., Diplomas,	 24.00
Deputy Authority, Albany,	 10.00
Najah Temple, Albany, Diplomas,	 20.00
Ziyara Temple, Utica, "	 18.00
Al Koran Temple, Cleveland, Diplomas,	 6.00
Pyramid Temple, Davenport, Iowa, Diplomas,	 14.00
Feb. 5, 1879. Ziyara Temple, Utica, Dues,	 10.00
Damascus Temple, Rochester, "	 10.00
Al Koran Temple, Cleveland, "	 10.00
Diplomas, issued by Recorder Paterson,	 23.00
Feb. 4, 1880. Mecca Temple, N. Y., Dues,	 30.00
Damascus Temple, Rochester, "	 20.00
Al Koran Temple, Cleveland, Dues and Diplomas,	 28.00
Ziyara Temple, Utica,	 10.00
Deputy Authority, Ritual, and Diplomas, R. Ramsay,	 15.00
Feb. 27, 1880. Diplomas, Mecca Temple,	 62.00
Pyramid Temple, Davenport, Iowa,	 10.00
Diplomas,	 12.00
June 2, 1880. Oriental Temple, Troy, N. Y., Dues and Diplomas,	 24.00
Moslem Temple, Tracy, Deputy Authority,	 10.00
Moslem Temple, Diplomas,	 25.00
Jan., 1881. Diplomas,	 6.00
Sept. 19, 1881. Pyramid Temple, Bridgeport, Dues,	 10.00
Al Koran Temple Dues,	 10.00
Damascus Temple Dues,	 10.00
Mecca Temple, Diplomas,	 20.00
" " "	 60.00
Total Receipts,	\$1,357.00

Expenditures,	\$1,794.79
Receipts,	1,357.00
Balance due,	\$437.79

Respectfully submitted,

WALTER M. FLEMING,

M. I. Grand Potentate.

REFERENCE OF ACCOUNTS.

On motion of Noble JOSEPH B. EAKINS, it was—

Resolved, That the financial accounts of the M. I. Grand Potentate be referred to the Committee on Finances and Accounts.

REPORT OF ILL. GRAND TREASURER.

The Ill. Grand Treasurer submitted the following report :

NEW YORK, June 3, 1882.

To the Officers and Members of the Imperial Council :

Your Grand Treasurer respectfully submits that the large amount of expenditures necessitated at the inception of the Order having been borne almost entirely by the M. I. Grand Potentate, and that the latter having immediately liquidated a large number of accounts as moneys were received from the limited sources of revenue, it has been deemed inexpedient and unnecessary to transfer the finances to the custody of the Ill. Grand Treasurer while immediate requirement demanded the outlay of the same. Your Grand Treasurer, therefore, respectfully refers to the past statement of accounts.

With the hope that the financial condition of the Treasury will soon be in a sound condition, I am courteously yours,

A. L. NORTHROP,

Grand Treasurer.

REFERENCE OF GRAND TREASURER'S REPORT.

On motion of Noble WILLIAM H. WHITING, it was—

Resolved, That the Report of the Ill. Grand Treasurer be received, and referred to the Committee on Finance and Accounts.

REPORT OF ILL. GRAND RECORDER.

The Ill. Grand Recorder presented the following Annual Report :

NEW YORK, June 7, 1882.

To the Officers and Members of the Imperial Council for the United States of America :

Your Grand Recorder respectfully submits the following Annual Report :

At the close of the last Annual Session there were :

No. of Active Members of the Imperial Council,	28
“ “ Past Active Members,	14
“ “ Deputies,	19
“ “ Temples chartered,	14

Of the Active Members we have lost the valuable services of Noble TOWNSEND FONDEY, 33°, by death on May 19, 1882.

Of the Deputies, we have lost Noble THOMAS DOUGLAS HARRINGTON, 33°, by death on January 13, 1882.

A few reports from the subordinate Temples have been received, but not sufficient at any time to give a complete account of the number of Nobles under the jurisdiction of this Imperial Council. It is hoped that all Temples and Deputies will make full reports in time for the next Annual Session, when the Grand Recorder will be pleased to present a full list of those who have been created Nobles.

The Reports which have been received show the following recapitulation :

Mecca Temple, New York, N. Y.

Membership in 1880,	191
Nobles created in 1881,	81
Nobles created to June 1, 1882,	42
Died,	2
Total Members,	312

Al Koran Temple, Cleveland, Ohio.

Membership in 1880,	47
Nobles created in 1881,	37
Total Members,	84

Cyprus Temple, Albany, N. Y.

Membership in 1880,	38
Nobles created in 1881,	none

Pyramid Temple, Davenport, Iowa.

Membership in 1880,	21
Nobles created in 1881,	6
Total Members,	27

Moslem Temple, Detroit, Mich.

Membership in 1880,	26
Nobles created in 1881,	none

Syrian Temple, Cincinnati, Ohio.

Members in 1880,	12
Nobles created in 1881,	12
Died and Suspended,	2
Total Members,	22

Pyramid Temple, Bridgeport, Conn.

Members in 1880,	12
Nobles created in 1881,	4
Total Members,	16

Ziyara Temple, Utica, N. Y.

Members in 1880,	12
Nobles created in 1881,	none

Mount Sinai Temple, Montpelier, Vt.

Members in 1880,	13
Died and Suspended	2
Nobles created in 1881,	none
Total Members,	11

Damascus Temple, Rochester, N. Y.

Members in 1878,	154
Nobles created in 1879,	5
Died, 2 ; Suspended, 9 ; total,	11
Total Members,	148
No Reports received for 1880 and 1881.	

Oriental Temple, Troy, N. Y.

Members in 1879,	16
No Reports received for 1880 and 1881.	

No Reports have been received for 1881 from—

Damascus Temple, Rochester, N. Y.

Medina Temple, Atchison, Kansas.

Mohammed Temple, New Haven, Conn.

Oriental Temple, Troy, N. Y.

Syria Temple, Pittsburgh, Pa.

As to the reports of Deputies, none of special import has been received. The main facts are that Noble Robert Ramsay, of Orillia, Canada, created one Noble. Several Nobles were created under the authority of Nobles Charles W. Torrey, Joseph B. Eakins, and Jerome B. Borden, and their names returned for membership in Mecca Temple. Noble Sam Briggs also exercised his authority in behalf of Al Koran Temple.

Hereafter, the Deputies may lend interest to the published Proceedings by forwarding reports as to the condition of the Order in their several jurisdictions, and may do much to keep the harmony which now prevails throughout the United States.

Receipts.

The Receipts of this Session are as follows :

Mecca Temple, Annual Dues for 1881,	\$10
" " Initiation Fees to June 1, 1882,	226
Alkoran Temple, Annual Dues,	10
Cyprus Temple, for nine Initiations,	18
Pyramid Temple, Davenport, Annual Dues,	10
Moslem Temple, Annual Dues,	10
Pyramid Temple, Bridgeport, Annual Dues,	10
" " for three Initiations,	6
Ziyara Temple, Annual Dues,	10
Damascus Temple, Annual Dues,	10
Total Receipts for 1882,	\$320

At the Annual Session of 1881 there were received for Dues and Initiations by the Grand Recorder the sum of \$110, which the M. I. Grand Potentate ordered to be paid immediately on the balance of the printing bill of E. O. Jenkins, amounting to \$101.68, leaving a balance in hand of \$8.32.

The Grand Recorder has made the following Disbursements for 1881 to 1882 :

250 Blank Reports, ruled and printed,	\$16.00
250 Annual Notices, illuminated cards.	10.00
250 Circulars and Envelopes,	5.00
150 Notices,	3.00
250 Annual Notices,	8.00
Seals,	0.70
Postage to date,	8.00

Total Disbursements,	\$50.70
Credit by balance in hand,	8.32

Balance due Grand Recorder,	\$41.38
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During the year, the Ritual Committee completed the thorough revision of the Oriental Ritual, and through the solicitations of the M. I. Grand Potentate the four working Temples agreed to pay the cost of printing the same. The Grand Recorder undertook the printing, and the result is an excellent example of the typographic art. The cost was \$120, which was immediately paid by the Temples already referred to. The work has been electrotyped, and the plates are in the custody of the Grand Recorder. The printed copies of the Ritual are in the hands of the M. I. Grand Potentate for their proper disposal.

These four Temples, therefore, are to be commended for their

generous assistance to the Imperial Council, at a time when the revenues are rather limited.

The revenues of the Imperial Council would be nearly equal to the slender requirements for expenditure if all the Temples and the Deputies would make full returns for their initiations, a point which seems to be misunderstood. Section XXI. requires the Temples to return two dollars for every initiate, and when the name of the Noble is received, a Diploma will be issued, showing that he has been recorded in the Order. The misunderstanding is in supposing that it is not necessary to pay the initiation fee if the Noble does not apply for a Diploma. The Diploma is, however, an artistic piece of engraving, and alone is worth the fee. But the requirement of Section XXI. is that the fee shall be paid, whether a Noble calls for a Diploma or not. The compliance of all Temples and Deputies with this Section will materially advance the interests of the Imperial Council.

Courteously submitted.

WILLIAM S. PATERSON,
Grand Recorder.

REFERENCE OF ILL. GRAND RECORDER'S REPORT.

On motion of Noble WILLIAM FOWLER, it was—

Resolved, That the Annual Report of the Ill. Grand Recorder be received, and referred to the Committee on Finance and Accounts.

REPORT OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON ADDRESS.

The Committee on the Annual Address presented the following report:

The undersigned Special Committee on the several matters in the Annual Address, for subdivision and reference to the appropriate committees, respectfully submit that the various subjects be referred as follows:

- I. To the *Committee on Transactions of Grand Officers.*
 1. Compliments to Nobles J. B. EAKINS, SAM BRIGGS, W. S. PATERSON, C. T. McCLENACHAN, and A. L. RAWSON.
 2. Compliment to Noble W. J. FLORENCE.
 3. Compliment to Committee on Ritual
 4. Deputies, their apathy and neglect to make returns.
- II. To the *Committee on Dispensation and Charters:*
 5. Temples, their neglect to make returns and pay fees.
- III. To the *Committee on Finance and Accounts:*
 6. The Financial Accounts of the M. Ill. Grand Potentate
 7. The necessity for an increase of revenue.

- IV. To the *Committee on Grievances and Appeals*:
 - 8. The grievance of the Temples in Connecticut.
- V. To the *Committee on Jurisprudence and Laws*:
 - 9. Jurisdiction of Temples.
 - 10. Publication of Proceedings.
- VI. To the *Committee on Mileage and Pay of Representatives*:
 - 11. The condition of the finances.
- VII. To the *Committee on Ritual and Statutes*:
 - 12. New Ritual issued.
 - 13. All matters relating to the Statutes and Regulations.
- VIII. To a Special Committee consisting of Noble CHARLES ROOME, Active Member:
 - 14. The Life and History of the late Noble TOWNSEND FONDEY, Active Member.
- IX. To a Special Committee consisting of the Grand Recorder:
 - 15. The Life and History of the late THOMAS DOUGLAS HARINGTON, Deputy for Ottawa, Canada.

The Committee, therefore, offer the following Resolution for adoption:

Resolved, That the subjects contained in the Annual Address be referred to the committees specified in the report of the Committee on the Annual Address.

Courteously submitted,

CHARLES H. HEYZER,
AUGUSTUS W. PETERS,
GEORGE W. MILLAR,

Committee.

On motion of Noble JULIUS W. KNOWLTON, the report of the Committee on Address was received, the Committee discharged, with the thanks of the Imperial Council, the Resolution adopted, and the subjects referred as recommended.

ACTIVE MEMBERS.

The Imperial Council proceeded to the nomination and election of Active Members.

Noble C. T. McCLENACHAN spoke in eloquent terms of the late Noble TOWNSEND FONDEY, and nominated as an appropriate Active Member to fill his place Noble CHARLES ROOME, of New York, who was an intimate friend of the deceased.

Noble CHARLES ROOME was duly elected, and, on presentation, accepted the honor with great pleasure, yet sorrowful at the thought that he filled the position of one who was a very dear friend to him.

- Noble C. T. McCLENACHAN also nominated for Active Membership,

Noble ALBERT G. GOODALL, of New York;

" D. BURNHAM TRACY, of Detroit,

" WILLIAM B. MELISH, of Cincinnati.

Noble C. H. HEYZER nominated for Active Membership,

Noble WILLIAM E. FITCH, of Albany.

Noble A. W. PETERS nominated for Active Membership,

Noble JOSEPH M. LEVEY, of New York.

The nominations were duly received, and the Nobles balloted for, and declared elected unanimously.

All were present except Noble W. B. MELISH, and they were duly presented to the Imperial Council, accorded the honors of Past Grand Potentates, and enthroned Active Members in due form.

NUMBER OF ACTIVE MEMBERS.

The Ill. Grand Recorder reported that the number of Active Members of the Imperial Council, including the above six, was thirty-three.

GRAND ASSISTANT GUARD,

On motion of Noble GEORGE W. MILLAR, the M. I. Grand Potentate appointed as Grand Assistant Guard of the Imperial Council,

Noble STEPHEN W. SWIFT, of New York.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON JURISPRUDENCE AND LAWS.

The Committee on Jurisprudence and Laws presented the following report:

On the Membership of the Imperial Council.

The Committee on Jurisprudence and Laws, with the addition to the Committee of Noble ALBERT G. GOODALL, have given careful consideration to the intent of the constitution of membership of the Imperial Council, and present the following Resolutions for adoption:

Resolved, That the Imperial governing Body of the Ancient Arabic Order of the Nobles of the Mystic Shrine shall be styled the Imperial Council for the United States of America, and shall consist of "Active Members" not exceeding the number of one for each State and Territory in the United States.

The first four officers of all subordinate Temples in each State or Territory shall, within one month of the Triennial Session of the Imperial Council, select three Active Members for the succeeding

Triennial Term. When Temples have been established in more than twelve and less than twenty-two States and Territories, they shall select two Active Members for the succeeding Triennial Term. When Temples have been established in more than twenty-two States and Territories, they shall select one Active Member for the succeeding Triennial Term.

Immediately after the Address of the Most Illustrious Grand Potentate and the receipt of the Reports of Officers at the Triennial Session, the Committee on Jurisprudence and Laws shall determine as to the Credentials of the newly-elected Active Members, who shall thereupon assume the duties of Active Membership, in the place of those whose term as Active Members shall have expired, and who shall proceed to fill the number of the Active List as authorized in this Section.

Each Active Member when present shall be entitled to one vote in the proceedings of the Imperial Council. The Most Illustrious Grand Potentate, in case of a tie, shall be entitled to the casting vote.

Nine Active Members shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

Active Members must continue to be Life Members or Contributing Members of subordinate Temples.

All Past Potentates, who are Contributing Members of subordinate Temples, and all Past Active Members and present Potentates, shall be considered Associate Members of the Imperial Council; entitled to a seat in the Imperial Council, with the right of voice, but not of vote.

Active Members only shall be entitled to mileage and per diem expenses when in attendance at the Sessions of the Imperial Council.

Resolved, That there shall be thirteen officers, who shall be designated and take rank as follows :

- I. MOST ILLUSTRIOUS GRAND POTENTATE.
- II. VERY ILLUSTRIOUS DEPUTY GRAND POTENTATE.
- III. ILLUSTRIOUS GRAND CHIEF RABBAN.
- IV. ILLUSTRIOUS GRAND ASSISTANT RABBAN.
- V. ILLUSTRIOUS GRAND HIGH PRIEST AND PROPHET.
- VI. ILLUSTRIOUS GRAND ORIENTAL GUIDE.
- VII. ILLUSTRIOUS GRAND TREASURER.
- VIII. ILLUSTRIOUS GRAND RECORDER.
- IX. ILLUSTRIOUS GRAND FIRST CEREMONIAL MASTER.
- X. ILLUSTRIOUS GRAND SECOND CEREMONIAL MASTER, or
STANDARD BEARER.
- XI. ILLUSTRIOUS GRAND MARSHAL.
- XII. ILLUSTRIOUS GRAND CAPTAIN OF THE GUARD.
- XIII. ILLUSTRIOUS GRAND OUTER GUARD.

The officers shall be elected by ballot and by a majority vote at the Triennial Session, and shall hold their offices until their successors are elected and installed.

Vacancies in office, from whatever cause, shall be filled by election at a Stated or Special Session ; all the Active Members being duly notified of such purpose.

On Previous Legislation.

The Committee on Jurisprudence and Laws have considered the various Resolutions relative to the Statutes and Regulations which have been heretofore passed, and are summarized on page 16, and the subjects referred to them in the Report of the Committee on Address, marked Nos. 9 and 10, and offer the following Resolution for adoption :

Resolved, That the Resolutions on,

1. Jurisdiction of Subordinate Temples,
3. Initiation Fees,
6. Jurisdiction over Applicants,
8. Suspension or Expulsion,

be confirmed, and hereafter be incorporated in the Statutes and Regulations ; that the Resolution on,

2. Annual Sessions,

is subject to the will and pleasure of the Imperial Council, in accordance with Section V. of the Statutes and Regulations ; that the Resolution on,

4. Revision of the Ritual

has been accomplished by the Committee on Ritual ; and that the Resolutions on

5. History and Proceedings,
7. History,

be continued, with the hope of their fulfilment at an early date.

On Deputies and their Powers.

The Committee on Jurisprudence and Laws have considered the Resolution in the summary on

9. Powers of Deputies,

and offer the following Resolution in lieu thereof for adoption :

Resolved, That every State of the United States shall be entitled to one Deputy, but in no case shall there be more than five Deputies in one State. The powers of a Deputy shall be limited to the boundary of the State in which he resides, unless specially authorized by the Most Illustrious Grand Potentate or the Director in a specific transaction.

A Deputy or any other officer now possessing the power to confer

the Order of the Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, shall not exercise such power until the name or names of the person or persons and the circumstances relating thereto have been submitted to the Most Illustrious Grand Potentate, or to the Directory, and consent first had.

Deputies shall have the power to issue dispensations for holding elections of officers in Temples, and for filling vacancies in office by election, and to them the By-laws shall be submitted for approval as to whether they are in compliance with the Statutory requirements; and to exercise all such powers and functions as the Most Illustrious Grand Potentate or the Directory may in their respective capacities authorize.

Every Deputy shall report to the Imperial Council at its Annual Session all his transactions exercised in that capacity during the year.

Deputies at present holding office shall retain their several offices and perform the functions herein designated until the next Triennial Session only, unless re-elected thereto.

Deputies shall be elected thereafter triennially, and until the next election the Most Illustrious Grand Potentate or the Directory are hereby authorized to appoint Deputies where in their judgment the same may be necessary, not exceeding the number limited in the Statutes.

Courteously submitted,

C. T. McCLENACHAN,

CHARLES ROOME,

ALBERT G. GOODALL,

Committee.

On motion of GEORGE W. MILLAR, the report of the Committee on Jurisprudence and Laws was received, and the Resolutions severally and unanimously adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON DIRECTORY.

The Special Committee appointed to frame the powers and duties of a Directory of the Imperial Council respectfully submit the following Resolution for adoption:

Resolved, That there shall be a "Directory" of three Active Members of the Imperial Council, a majority of whom shall have the power, during the interim of the Sessions of the Imperial Council, as a tribunal, to determine all questions of disputes between Temples, and to harmonize the same, or to exercise adjudicatory and executive powers, which shall be final until the succeeding Session of the Imperial Council, to which it shall report for final disposition. It shall have power to determine all questions at issue, as a Court of Resort, in matters pertaining to Officers of Temples, and

the supervision and enforcement of the Ritual as promulgated, and shall possess all powers needful, in their judgment, for the benefit of the Order, not in conflict with the authorized powers laid down specifically for other Officers and Committees in the Statutes and Regulations. They shall also have the power to issue Dispensations to seven or more petitioners, having the constitutional qualifications, empowering them to form and open a Temple of the Ancient Arabic Order of the Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, which, however, shall be subject to the Statutory requirements. The first Directory shall be appointed for the ensuing year, and thereafter elected triennially. The Directory shall report all its transactions to the Imperial Council annually.

Courteously submitted,

JOSEPH B. EAKINS,
WILLIAM H. WHITING,
D. BURNHAM TRACY,
Committee.

On motion of Noble C. H. HEYZER, the report of the Committee on Directory was received, the Committee discharged, with the thanks of the Imperial Council, and the Resolution adopted.

THE DIRECTORY OF THE IMPERIAL COUNCIL.

The M.·. Ill.·. Grand Potentate, in accordance with the Resolution defining the powers and duties of the Directory, appointed as the members thereof,

Noble CHARLES T. MCCLENACHAN, of New York,
" JOSEPH B. EAKINS, of New York,
" SAM BRIGGS, of Cleveland.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FINANCE AND ACCOUNTS.

The Committee on Finance and Accounts presented the following report:

On the Financial Account of the M.·. Ill.·. Grand Potentate.

Your Committee on Finance and Accounts, having carefully examined the financial report of the M.·. I.·. Grand Potentate, with the accompanying vouchers and bills, find that there has been expended by Dr. WALTER M. FLEMING, M.·. Ill.·. Grand Potentate, the sum of one thousand seven hundred and ninety-four dollars and seventy-nine cents (\$1,794.79), and that he has received the sum of one thousand three hundred and fifty-seven dollars (\$1,357), leaving a balance still due him of four hundred and thirty-seven dollars and seventy-nine cents (\$437.79). The bills and vouchers aforesaid extend over a period of eleven years, and no interest having been charged therefor, your Committee respect-

fully suggest that the thanks of this Imperial Council be tendered to Dr. FLEMING for his kindness, and that a warrant be drawn for the balance due him.

On Report of Ill. Grand Treasurer.

Your Committee on Finance and Accounts have considered the Report of the Ill. Grand Treasurer, and find that it was necessary that the M. I. Grand Potentate should pay all bills as soon as he received any moneys, and, therefore, the Grand Treasurer was unable to conform to the duties of his position, to which he has ever stood ready to respond whenever he should be called upon.

On Report of Ill. Grand Recorder.

The Committee on Finance and accounts have examined the Report of the Ill. Grand Recorder, and find there is due him a balance of forty-one dollars and thirty-eight cents (\$41.38), for which we recommend a warrant to be drawn.

On Increased Revenue.

The Committee on Finance and Accounts, to whom was referred the matters in the Annual Address relative to the limited sources of revenue of the Imperial Council, respectfully submit the following Resolution for adoption :

Resolved, That every subordinate Temple shall pay annually to the Imperial Council, in accordance with its membership, the following sum :

For 100 Members or less,	Ten Dollars (\$10).
For 101 to 200 Members,	Twenty Dollars (\$20).
For 201 to 300 Members,	Thirty Dollars (\$30).
For 301 to 400 Members,	Forty Dollars (\$40).
For every hundred Members or less in addition to the above,	Ten Dollars (\$10).

The Dues shall accompany the Annual Return of every Temple to the Imperial Council.

All which is courteously submitted.

CHARLES H. HEYZER,
WILLIAM H. WHITING.

Committee.

On motion of Noble JOSEPH M. LEVEY, the report of the Committee on Finance and Accounts was received, warrants ordered to be drawn for the balances due the Grand Potentate and Grand Recorder, the Resolution on Revenue adopted, and the Committee on Transactions of Grand Officers directed to express the thanks of this Council to its Presiding Officer.

[NOTE.—GRAND POTENTATE PAID IN FULL.

The Grand Recorder has the pleasure of announcing that, a short time after the close of the Annual Session, the whole amount of the balance due the M. I. Grand Potentate was paid with moneys which were received from various sources, in addition to the receipts of this Session.]

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON MILEAGE.

The Committee on Mileage and Pay of Representatives, to whom was referred the general condition of the finances for their guidance, respectfully submit that the small amount of funds available at any time in the past few years has been insufficient to allow any portion of them to be applied to the payment of the expenses of representatives. It is believed, however, that a prompt compliance with the provisions of the Statutes will enable the Imperial Council to pay a satisfactory portion of such expenses in the future.

Courteously submitted,

JOSEPH B. EAKINS,
CHARLES H. HEYZER,
CHARLES W. TORREY,
Committee.

On motion, the report of the Committee on Mileage was received, and ordered on file.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON GRIEVANCES AND APPEALS.

The Committee on Grievances and Appeals presented the following report:

The Committee on Grievances and Appeals having considered that part of the Annual Address referring to the matter of Mohammed Temple, of New Haven, Conn., in regard to a complaint that a Charter had been issued to them, and that subsequently a Charter had been issued to Pyramid Temple, of Bridgeport, Conn., antedated, the officers of Mohammed Temple, claiming precedence in date of authority, desire the error to be corrected, placing them by date as the first chartered Temple in Connecticut. This Committee advise that the facts be ascertained in regard to the statement of officers of Mohammed Temple as to the correctness of the assertion that their Charter has been returned; and, if such be the case, that a correspondence be opened as to the desire and expediency of setting the subject matter right, and satisfactorily to promote the reorganization of Mohammed Temple, on proper basis and invested titled rights.

Courteously submitted,

GEORGE W. MILLAR,
CHARLES W. TORREY,
Committee.

On motion of Noble WILLIAM FOWLER, the report of the Committee on Grievances and Appeals was received, and referred to the Committee on Dispensations and Charters for investigation.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON DISPENSATIONS, ETC.

The Committee on Dispensations and Charters asked permission to prosecute their duties for a few weeks, by correspondence with all the Temples and Deputies, and make their report to the Ill. Grand Recorder in time for the published Proceedings.

On motion, permission was granted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RITUAL AND STATUTES.

The Committee on Ritual and Statutes presented the following report :

The Committee on Ritual and Statutes, considering the subjects in the Annual Address referred to them, diffidently report that the Ritual, having been carefully revised and perfected, was issued in most commendable typography and binding, by the generosity of the four Temples referred to, and is now in the hands of those who are competent to judge of its excellence.

This Committee also respectfully submit that they have lately seen the proofs of the authentic History of the Oriental Order under whose ceremonies we are convened, and, so far as lies in their power, have authorized its publication at an early date, when it will be subject to the approval of the Imperial Council. The History has been carefully compiled and translated from the Eastern Archives by Noble Albert L. Rawson, and they recommend its issue under the direction of the Grand Recorder.

Your Committee also submit that they have given the Statutes and Regulations a careful revision, as already reported at this Session, and recommend that they be issued as soon as possible.

Your Committee having fulfilled all the many duties imposed by the will and pleasure of the Imperial Council, during the past eleven years, and trusting that no further action will be required in the future, now respectfully recommend that the further consideration of the subjects relative to the above, be referred to the Committee on Transactions of Grand Officers, and that your Committee on Ritual and Statutes be discharged.

Courteously submitted,

C. T. MCCLERNACHAN,
EDWARD M. L. EHLERS,
J. H. HOBART WARD,
Committee.

On motion, the report was received, the several recommendations adopted, and the proposal to discharge the Committee also referred to the Committee on Transactions of Grand Officers.

THANKS TO NOBLE C. T. McCLENACHAN.

On motion of Noble C. H. HEYZER, it was—

Resolved, That the M. : I. : Grand Potentate be requested to appoint a Special Committee to frame a complimentary expression of the thanks and the appreciation of this Imperial Council for the valuable services rendered by Noble Charles T. McClenachan, in his various duties, upon the several Committees upon which he has so efficiently served for the past eleven years.

The M. : I. : Grand Potentate appointed as such Committee,

Noble CHARLES H. HEYZER,
“ GEORGE W. MILLAR,
“ CHARLES ROOME.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON TRANSACTIONS OF GRAND OFFICERS.

The Committee on Transactions of Grand Officers presented the following report :

The Committee on the Transactions of the Grand Officers, to whom was referred the several subjects hereinbelow mentioned, and which are set forth in the Address of the M. : Ill. : Grand Potentate, having considered the same, most respectfully

REPORT :

That in the matter of the kindly expression of the Presiding Officer toward

Noble JOSEPH B. EAKINS and
“ SAM BRIGGS,

for the extraordinary interest shown and the active services rendered the Order by them, resulting in its advancement not only in the East but in the West, we most heartily join, and approve in placing of record a just mead of praise for the earnestness exhibited by the one as a Special Deputy of the Imperial Council and the other as Deputy in Ohio. The Committee further agree in the just comments of the Presiding Officer in holding up the contrast between these Deputies and most of the

OTHER SEVENTEEN DEPUTIES

at Large and Special Deputies, who have been either indifferent to the success of the Order of the Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, or incline to seek their ease and comfort, content to enjoy whatever honor may be thereto attached, while their ardent companions labor the more strenuously to build up that which the others ungraciously accept of as a right. But inasmuch as under the Statutes the terms of all Deputies expire next year at the time of the triennial election, your Committee do not deem this subject worthy of any immediate definite action.

Your Committee, in considering the commendations contained in

the Address as applied to one whom we might almost deem the founder of the Order, at least in this country,

Noble WILLIAM J. FLORENCE,

join in great sincerity in wishing to pay just homage. Your Committee cannot but think, in the matter of the introduction of this Order, Noble Florence "built much better than he knew," and independent of any action on our part, the reward will be in the gratification and satisfaction he must enjoy in witnessing the unprecedented success of this Institution, far beyond his utmost hopes. The Committee are satisfied that the future will crown his early efforts, and render greater happiness than were we to weave a Chaplet with precious gems and set them on his brow.

One other subject referred to your Committee does not fail their notice and earnest congratulations, as to which, however, little need be said; to wit, rendering the sincere thanks of the Imperial Council to its

SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON RITUAL.

The duties which have been discharged by this Committee were of a delicate nature, and yet have been handled in a masterly manner so as to elicit the unanimous approval of the Members of the Council and in the presentation of a perfect Ritual. While their duties only permitted them to correct crudities and smooth some rough edges, yet the task involved labor and nicety of judgment, which have been most commendably exercised. The necessity for this Special Committee on Ritual no longer existing, we recommend it to be discharged, with the warm thanks of the Imperial Body.

Having thus reported upon the special subjects referred to the undersigned, your Committee, in the further discharge of their duty, desire respectfully to make mention of the untiring efforts and attention to their official trusts of

The M. . I. . Grand Potentate, WALTER M. FLEMING,
The Ill. . Grand Recorder, WILLIAM S. PATERSON,
And Noble ALBERT L. RAWSON,

without whose faithful care and constant guidance our Noble Institution would have largely failed of its present proud position. Your Committee do not desire to be considered invidious in this honorable mention, but the labor that has been performed to bring from chaotic confusion a reliable working and harmonious system, has, as is usual in worldly associations, called forth the energy and labor of the few, to whom the many should evince their gratitude.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

C. T. McCLENACHAN,
WILLIAM H. WHITING,
D. BURNHAM TRACY,
Committee.

On motion, the report of the Committee was received, the Recommendations were unanimously adopted, and the Committee on Ritual was discharged, with a special tender of the thanks of the Imperial Council for their long service and perfect work.

THANKS TO NOBLE C. T. McCLENACHAN.

The Special Committee on thanks to Noble C. T. McCLENACHAN presented the following report :

The Special Committee appointed to express the sentiments of this Imperial Council for the invaluable services rendered by Noble C. T. McClenachan for many years, submit the following resolutions for adoption :

Whereas, Ill. : Noble Charles T. McClenachan has been identified with the Order of the Mystic Shrine since its advent in the Western Hemisphere, and with his wise counsel and advice has held its best interests at heart, and has been ever ready to devote his wisdom and mature judgment to its many formidable requirements in all its several departments, having officiated upon its most important Committees, especially those upon whom devolved the Ritual, the Statutes and Regulations, Jurisprudence and Laws, and many of less importance, therefore, be it—

Resolved, That the most earnest and sincere thanks, and the emphatic expressions of appreciation of this Imperial Council, are eminently due this Illustrious Noble for his self-sacrificing manifestations of real and unselfish interest in the welfare and prosperity of the Order, and for his inestimable services, as a most able counselor, an expert parliamentarian, and a profound Ritualist, which have redounded not only so greatly to his credit, but are valuable to the future success and longevity of this beautiful and rapidly maturing Oriental Institution. And be it further—

Resolved, That these expressions of well deserved compliment be given by a rising vote of the Imperial Council, and that they be spread in full upon our Records, and be issued in the print of our Proceedings.

Courteously submitted,

CHARLES H. HEYZER.
GEORGE W. MILLAR,
CHARLES ROOME,
Committee.

On motion, the report was received, the Committee discharged, with the thanks of the Imperial Council, and in Oriental form these worthy expressions of good feeling were tendered to the Illustrious Noble, with the Salutation, "*Es Selamu Aleikum!*"

PUBLICATION OF STATUTES AND REGULATIONS.

On motion of Noble CHARLES H. HEYZER, it was—

Resolved, That the Statutes and Regulations of the Imperial Council, having incorporated therewith the legislation appertaining thereto, be printed and issued, under the direction of the M.: I.: Grand Potentate and the Ill.: Grand Recorder, with plenary powers.

PUBLICATION OF PROCEEDINGS.

On motion of Noble JOSEPH B. EAKINS, it was—

Resolved, That the Proceedings of this Annual Session be printed at an early date, under the direction of the M.: I.: Grand Potentate, with full power.

DELINQUENT TEMPLES.

The Committee on Dispensations and Charters, to whom were referred all matters relative to delinquent Temples, presented to the Grand Recorder, at the date given, the following Report :

NEW YORK, October 31, 1882.

Noble W. S. Paterson, Grand Recorder Imperial Council, N. M. S.:

The Committee to whom was entrusted the investigation of the affairs of certain delinquent Temples has the honor to report as follows :

Grand Potentate Jesse B. Anthony enclosed the amount of dues owing by Oriental Temple, of Troy, and stated that no work had been done since date of last report, two or three years ago, but that he had hopes of the future, if he could find time and leisure to devote.

Your Committee has written four times to the Grand Potentate and others in authority connected with Mohammed Temple of New Haven, but has failed to elicit anything but a promise, which has not been kept, to give the desired information concerning the Temple. We have obtained absolutely no data.

Pyramid Temple, in Bridgeport, we learn from common report, is doing good work. We were promised a detailed statement of its condition, but it has not been furnished us, though more than once earnestly requested. This Temple is, however, financially sound, and at date of last meeting of the Imperial Council had paid all its dues.

Damascus Temple, of Rochester, has been written to several times, asking for return of old Rituals, reports on Active Members, and of those stricken off. All these letters must have been received, but no answer has been vouchsafed.

Syria Temple, of Pittsburgh, Samuel Harper, G. P., and Medina Temple of Atchison, Kansas, J. O. Greenawalt, G. P., have been written to several times by the Chairman of this Committee without obtaining the courtesy of a reply. About the middle of September, however, Noble Melish, of this Committee, undertook to "hunt up and stir up our man" in Atchison, and, through a "Syrian" Noble now located in Pittsburgh, to enliven the corpse of Brother Harper. This Committee has not yet been informed whether the energetic sub-Committee has accomplished its laudable intention; but as he promised to report as soon as he should "hear from the two delinquents," and as he has not yet been heard from, we judge that they are "sleeping the sleep that knows no waking."

Fraternally submitted,

CHARLES W. TORREY, *Chairman,*

WILLIAM FOWLER,

WILLIAM B. MELISH,

Committee.

NOTE.

Since the above report was submitted, Syria Temple, of Pittsburgh, Pa., Samuel Harper, Ill. Grand Potentate, have rectified all delinquencies, equipped their Temple, and are proceeding with their work in a very commendable manner. I, therefore, take pleasure in bestowing the credit due that Body.

In regard to Bridgeport, the Grand Potentate, Noble Julius W. Knowlton, shortly after addressed a communication to Noble C. W. Torrey, wherein he detailed the fact that Pyramid Temple was chartered February 7, 1878, with twelve Nobles, and promptly put in motion, working and initiating, holding regular Sessions, and seeing and hearing nothing done by Mohammed Temple, of Haven, led them to suppose them out of the field, and, therefore, they thought their jurisdiction covered all the territory claimed by New Haven, and they took members from Waterbury, Ansonia, and Birmingham. The details of the dates of the Order conferred on both Temples are still referred to the M. I. Grand Potentate.

W. S. PATERSON,

Grand Recorder.

DECEASED MEMBERS.

The special committees presented their reports on Deceased Members, which were received, and ordered to be printed in the Proceedings.

THOMAS DOUGLAS HARRINGTON, 33°.

One of the central figures in the history of Freemasonry in the Dominion of Canada will hereafter be T. D. Harrington, 33°.

In England he was born June 7, 1808, in Windsor, of noble descent, and, inheriting a good constitution and excellent mental qualities, became one of the first among his associates.

In the Royal Navy he rapidly arose in the ranks, and then entering the Merchant Service of the East India Company, became one of its principal officers.

His travels extending to Canada, he entered the Civil Service in 1832, and became one of the principal figures of the political sphere of this young country. In the military service he was also distinguished, and was honored as Colonel in the Militia.

In the Dominion he first turned his attention to Freemasonry, and thirty-five years after his earthly birth, he was regenerated by the celestial birth into the Fraternity, in Duke of Leinster Lodge, No. 283, of Kingston, Ontario. In the following year he joined St. George's Lodge, of which he was Master for four years.

He served in exalted positions in the different provincial Grand Bodies in Montreal and Quebec, and in the Grand Lodge of Canada was elected Grand Master in 1860, serving for four years.

In Royal Arch Masonry, he served the Grand Chapter as First Principal Zerubbabel for many years. In 1871, on the establishment of the Grand Council, Cryptic Rite, he was the first Grand Master. In 1855, he was elected Grand Commander of the Encampment of Quebec, serving with great ability for years.

During all these years he had given much of his time to the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, and his vast experience was enlisted in the service. On the establishment of the Supreme Council of Canada, on October 16, 1874, he became the first Commander, which he held with the highest honors till his decease.

Imbued with the beauty of the Mystic Shrine he became the first to introduce the order into the Dominion, and accepted the honor of the Deputyship from M. : L. : Walter M. Fleming. The large circle of associations he was connected with, however, precluded his intended purpose at an early date to establish a Temple.

During all these years of active service for Masonry, he was an indefatigable worker in the Civil Service, in which he was faithful for forty-six consecutive years, attaining the high office of Deputy Receiver General, and was retired about four years previous to his demise. In his happy household he enjoyed his declining years, and was a charming guest in the social circle.

At Prescott, Ontario, January 13, 1882, he was apparently in his usual good health, and toward evening was pleasing his family with his varied conversation and experience, when, in a moment, he calmly passed from the turbulent world to the pure peace of the Interior Temple.

WILLIAM S. PATERSON.





INTRODUCTION OF THE MYSTIC SHRINE

INTO THE

WESTERN HEMISPHERE,

FROM ANNUAL ADDRESS FEBRUARY 6, 1877,

BY

WALTER M. FLEMING, 33°.

It is some five years or more since I came into possession of detached and mutilated sections of the translation of the Ritual of the Arabic and Egyptian Order of the Mystic Shrine, brought to America by one of the Foreign Members and Representatives through the hands of Ill. : Brother Oswald Merle d'Aubigné, 32°. It was exceedingly imperfect and incomplete, and to a great extent badly translated, and filled with unintelligible symbolisms. Another portion was brought from Oriental Europe by Ill. : Brother William J. Florence, 32°, and some of the vague history and ritualistic sections were brought from Cairo, Egypt, by Ill. : Brother Sherwood C. Campbell, 32°. Those portions in the possession of Brother Florence were marked and referred to certain sections of the Koran for notes and allusions, which greatly facilitated the compiling and revising of the Ritual to its present completion.

This was a task of no small magnitude, and was undertaken and completed through the efforts of Brother Florence and myself, aided by a professional linguist and Arabic scholar.

The Order was then conferred upon several Illustrious Thirty-seconds and Thirty-thirds of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry, and Knights Templar, in the city of New York, from the manuscript, whose names appear in the printed History.

The Order then remained quiet and inactive until within the past year or more, when, on the return of Brother Florence from Europe, where he had witnessed the work exemplified in the most impressive form, he was exceedingly enthusiastic to promote the promulgation of the Order.

The original plate engravings for the production of Dispensations, Charters, and Diplomas of the Imperial Council were executed in Paris, France, and the designs were taken from the Arches and Gateways of the Egyptian Temple of the Sun.

The printing and colored transfers were perfected in the City of New York, where also were printed the Statutes and the Ritual, and the Grand Seal procured.

Altogether this work involved both a large expenditure and accruing indebtedness, a portion of which remained still unadjusted. But a few hundred dollars will place the Imperial Council out of debt for the obligations of the past.

THE MYSTIC SHRINE IN EUROPE.

Noble EDWARD M. L. EHLERS, Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of the State of New York, presented the following Document, containing the translation into English by him of the transactions in relation to the Mystic Shrine, as reported to the Grand Lodge of Berlin, which was received, and ordered to be printed with the Proceedings:

To the Imperial Council, Ancient Arabic Order of the Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, for the United States of America :

Three pages of the Transactions of the Grand Mother Lodge *Zu den drie Weltkugeln*, Orient of Berlin, for 1879, are devoted to the history of the Nobles of the Mystic Shrine in America, the same being a translation from the Transactions of the Supreme Council of Belgium, 1877-78. The following is a translation thereof :

The Order of the Mystic Shrine in America was founded in Mecca, and existed as a great power as early as 698. The Ritual, translated into Latin by the well-known Louis Marracci, originated in Aleppo. The Order has been active in Arabia without interruption since its foundation.

In 1837 it was established in Cairo, and thence rapidly spread throughout Egypt. Its first object was the support of the courts against crimes which the law could not reach. The Order watched over every act, subject to the law, and its daring and active members did not allow one single crime to go unpunished, never betraying whence the punishment came. This method of a silent and punishing justice exercised a great power. Its sure and steady hand carried fear and terror to the hearts of all criminals.

The history of the present time shows that in the southeast of Europe a secret society exists, composed of well-informed Mussulmans of high station. Its main object is the defense of Islam and Mohammedism against the Infidels, as such they call not only Christians and Jews, but also such princes or men in power of the Mohammedan creed who, like the Khedive of Egypt, are suspected of a regard for Christian institutions. The most powerful of the

Oriental secret orders is that of Bektashy, or Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. To it are subject the Darkawee, the Khowan, Abd-el-Kader el Bagdadi, and the Issawiye, all serving the same purpose.

These are not, as many believe, politico-religious societies, but under such pretext they hide a deep meaning, which only the initiated understand. They form a very powerful association, inquisitory as well as active, and only members understand their methods and actions. There is a relationship with the well-known Illuminaten, a society founded in Germany in the last century.

The constant aim of these orders is the acquisition of power, which they use to benefit the community by subduing its turbulent element without regard to religion or nationality. They acknowledge a true and everlasting God, and on this principle they judge and punish crimes which have escaped justice, as mysteriously as they do it boldly, and without regard to the proper authorities.

Although apparently opposed to other religions, many of the members belong to creeds which are opposed to Islam, many belong to the Mussulman nobility, others are Jews, and again others are of such sects as were opposed to the original purposes of the order. The Bektashy is little in favor of the old and very strict laws of Islam; this explains the power which it is able to exercise through the orders subject to it. Its headquarters are at Mecca, that of the Khowan at Yemen, and that of the Darkawee at Morocco. These three are the Mohammedan Jesuits. The adherents of Abd-el-Kader el Bagdadi have their headquarters at Aleppo.

These organizations spread slowly, but with great wisdom. The Turkish war has made them very daring and powerful. The State authorities are powerless to resist the influence of the zealous emissaries of these orders in the completion of the work in which they are engaged. The officers meanwhile introduce its members in the highest society as well as in high positions, and it is impossible to foretell the consequences, for these societies are just as powerful and dangerous in the Orient of Europe, and awake the attention of the governments.

The recently formed Order of the Bektashy in America, or the Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, is devoid of all Islamism, and is in harmony with the Christian ideas and the laws of America. Its power promises to be great, and its future brilliant.

The emblem worn by its members resembles a crescent. The crescent is formed of two tiger claws joined together by a plate of gold, upon one side of which is represented a female Sphinx, upon the other side a pyramid, an urn, a star, and, besides the date of institution, the legend, "*Robur et Furor.*" The present members of the Order take the words Cross and Crescent to indicate the religions of the European Orient. The Nobles of the Mystic

Shrine of late years have been active in several cities of Europe. Although adhering to the old rules, they devote themselves to the social welfare of its members, they practise charity, and teach an enlightened doctrine.

The Order was introduced in America in 1871, with the restriction—that only Masons of the highest degrees should be admitted, as only such were deemed efficient enough in virtue and honor. The Order certainly is more secure among Masons than among men who are not bound by any oath, for it is within the province of the former to organize as originally and at any time a deliberative and inquisitorial body.

Instituted under the fundamental idea of the creed of Al Koran, or the Arabian Koran, it was at first to strengthen the Mohammedan creed, after that to introduce the teaching of the Koran into real life, and finally to get power and authority by a symbol cabalistic and mysterious. The Order has made rapid progress in America. Its Ritual was confided to distinguished Masons of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite and Knights Templar, who, by the constitutional authority conferred upon them, organized the Temple of Mecca in the City of New York. An Imperial Grand Council of the Order for the United States of America was proclaimed June 6, 1876, when it was decided that only Masons of the Thirty-second and Thirty-third Degrees and Knights Templar should be eligible to membership, in order that the purposes of the Shrine might be fully carried out and its interest enhanced. Temples of the Order have been founded in many States of the Union. The Order has a large and dignified representation, admitting only persons of blameless character, and it promises to become as distinguished and powerful as it is united.

The above document is courteously submitted,

EDWARD M. L. EHLERS, 33°

Grand Chief Rabban.

HISTORY OF THE MYSTIC SHRINE

AND

Foreign Correspondence from the East,

BY

WILLIAM J. FLORENCE,

Active Member and Deputy.

The following Documents on the History of the introduction of the Ancient Arabic Order of the Nobles of the Mystic Shrine into the Western Hemisphere, by Noble William J. Florence, and Foreign Correspondence received by him from the East, were received by the Grand Recorder, and ordered by the M. V. Ill. Grand Potentate to be published in the Proceedings :

FIFTH AVENUE HOTEL,
NEW YORK, Nov. 5, 1882.

Most Illustrious Grand Potentate :

I have been informed that the Annual Proceedings of our Grand Orient are about to be published. It will be esteemed an especial honor to be included in the number of those who will be favored with a copy of the precious records. My humble share in the work of transplanting and rearing this unrivalled exotic among mystic flowers has engendered a pride that I sincerely hope is a pardonable sentiment in this case, and I shall feel it a great privilege to be found worthy of having my name on the roll of honor among the promoters of the Ancient Arabic Order, Nobles of the Mystic Shrine.

I have also been informed that the Secretary is about to publish the constitution and other documents relating to the working of the Order, and I respectfully request that a number of copies be sent to my address, to be forwarded to me, in case my professional duties cause my absence from the city at that time.

I have long promised myself the task of writing a brief account of the first glimpses I had of the working of our Order, while on a tour in Europe some years since, and now give a portion thereof.

In September, 1870, I was in the city of Marseilles, France, and having occasion to call on Duncan, Sherman & Co., Bankers, I was told by one of the gentlemanly clerks that there was to be a ceremony of an unusually attractive character, at a hall near the Grand Hotel de l'Univers, and knowing me to be a Mason, invited me to be present, offering to be my guide and voucher. My curiosity was excited by his glowing hints as to the Oriental wonders to be seen there, and I really cannot say whether I ate any dinner or not that evening; so anxious was I to keep the appointment.

Having been introduced to the ante-room of the hall, in which the Mystic Shrine was concealed, I found a number of distinguished persons in animated conversation on the subject of our visit. One of these men was the British Consul at that port, another the Austrian Vice-Consul, and there were dukes and counts, bankers and merchants, scholars and artists, musicians and other professionals, all of whom seemed absorbed in the question of how the French of Marseilles had succeeded in getting possession of such interesting secrets.

The Illustrious Grand Potentate of the evening was the celebrated Yusef Churi Bey, and the Temple was called Bokhara Shrine.

Shayk Yusef had visited Bokhara, where he was made a member of the Mystic Shrine in that famous city of the Persians, and brought away a hastily written sketch of the ritual and laws of the Order. It would be impossible to give a complete narrative of the ceremonies of that Communication of the Nobles of Bokhara Shrine, and I must content myself with a mere outline.

The costumes were exact duplicates of Oriental patterns brought from Persia by Yusef Bey. In his long service as an attaché of the Persian Consulate, he had seen many countries, and profited by studies and observations in each, and was therefore well fitted to conduct such an institution.

The furniture of the Temple was the most peculiar I ever saw, and must have been gotten up by some one well skilled in stage scenery, for there were very well contrived dramatic effects, representing the sandy sea shore, the rough, rocky hillside, the gloomy cavern, the solemn tomb, and a transformation scene which was at first a cemetery, full of tombs and monuments inscribed with the names of the departed, with epitaphs on their virtues and worth, when in an instant, the lights having been lowered, the scene changed to a sumptuous banquetting hall, with small tables for groups of 3, 5, 7, and 9.

I need not describe the work of the Temple any further than to say, that the intention is to enact a drama very much like our own, which had for its object the same lesson ; and there can be no better or more zealous workers in a good cause than those French brothers who celebrated the Mysteries at Marseilles on that evening.

My duties prevented a sufficiently long stay in Marseilles to witness a second performance, and I therefore begged Yusef Bey to allow me to have a copy of the ritual and laws, which I received on the day I sailed for Algiers.

In Algiers the Shrine of the Mogribins was in full operation, meeting each week, on Friday evening. Abu Mohammed Baki was the Shayk, and among the members were nearly every one of the many consuls, vice-consuls, and other diplomats of the port, many of the most noted merchants and bankers, and not a few of the learned and gifted Mohammedans, who are passionately fond of perpetuating ancient customs which increase their social pleasures.

The Shrine is referred to by the Moslems generally as "The Order of the Unwritten Law," in distinction from the "Written Law," which is the Koran.

The costumes and furniture of the Shrine in Algiers were gorgeous in silk, wool, and fine linen, decorated with embroidery in gold, silver and colors ; and the swords, spears, and other articles used by the guards and officers in the work were genuine steel, many of which had been in actual service in the field of battle.

In a correspondence with Shayk Baki, I have been advised from time to time of the progress of the Order in Algiers, the last of which reached me a day or two since, and I have the honor and pleasure of laying a copy of it before you, translated from the original Arabic by Brother A. L. RAWSON, a member of our Mystic Order.

Translation.

PRAISE TO THE ONLY GOD !

To his Excellency, WILLIAM J. FLORENCE, of the United States of America, GREETING :

I have received the letter written by you to the Shayk,—the gifted, the learned, the skilful, the Chief of the Order of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, and Shayk of Mogribi Shrine in our city of Algiers, who has commissioned me to write this answer, and direct it to be sent to your Excellency in the City of New York.

Our Shrine has prospered in numbers, and has received among its members, during the three months just passed, many of the

most wealthy and famous men of this province, including nearly every officer of the government. Our records now include the names of every shayk and fickee (pastor and schoolmaster) of all the mosks in Algiers, with a goodly number of their best members.

A few Greek merchants, who trade here in Greek articles of manufacture or produce, have joined us, completing our tableau of the various nations of the Orient, every one of which is now represented among us by one or more members. Our assemblies are indeed cosmopolitan, composed as they are of Arab, Bedawin, Moor, Mogribi, Turk, French, Italian, German, English, Austrian, Persian, Russian, Hindu, and American; but not as yet any Chinese.

We have as yet not printed or written any word of the ritual or laws, and we hold strictly to the ancient tradition which names the Order as The Unwritten Law. This is mentioned as the answer to your request to send a copy of our ritual for your information and assistance in the work in America.

The Shayk Mohammed Baki directs me to convey to you his sincere regards for your generosity in affording him the honor and profit of your visit, and the favor of your many valuable letters, giving accounts of the Order in America.

This is written according to my instructions and to my intentions.

ABD-EL-MAKRI,

Secretary of the Temple Shrine of the Mogribins, Algiers
17th Dhu'l Kaada, 1299,
Sept. 29, 1882.

In a later note I am informed that the Mogribi Shrine has elected me an Honorary Member, and given me the privilege of wearing a Crescent of silver and gold in flagree, set with three emeralds on each side of a ruby, as a pendant on a watch chain, or on a ribbon attached to the left breast.

The mail of to-day brought me news from my friend Churi Bey, of Marseilles, who writes that the Bokhara Shrine has enrolled my name among its notable visitors, and given me the freedom of the Shrine as an Honorary Member.

Regretting my inability to be present at your next Communication, and wishing you every prosperity, I am,

Yours Fraternally,

W. J. FLORENCE.

FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE,

BY

ALBERT L. RAWSON,

**Grand Representative of the Temples of the Mystic Shrine
in the East.**

The following Documents were transmitted to the Imperial Council at this Session, and were received and ordered to be printed with the Proceedings :

To the Imperial Council, Ancient Arabic Order of the Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, for the United States of America :

I have the pleasure of laying before your August Body the following letters, originally written in Arabic and now translated by the undersigned, which have been transmitted to me as your Representative, and are addressed more particularly to the M. I. Grand Potentate :

THE MYSTIC SHRINE IN EGYPT.

CAIRO, Egypt, February 24, 1882,
4th Ribih ul Akhir, 1299 A. H.

TO WALTER M. FLEMING, 33°, ILL. I. GRAND POTENTATE, NOBLES
OF THE MYSTIC SHRINE :

ILL. I. AND DEAR BROTHER : At a meeting in our Temple held at this date, at the suggestion made by our visiting Brother, Noble A. L. Rawson, 32°, a resolution was passed giving me power to propose an exchange of correspondence with the Potentates of the Order in foreign countries. Noble Rawson was the honored guest of the Free and Accepted Masons in this city in 1874, and gave us at that time much information on the condition of our Order and other societies in the United States of America, on account of which we now act.

I have the honor, therefore, to propose an exchange of correspondence on matters relating to the Ancient Arabic Order, Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, in our respective countries. To that end I offer you herein a brief notice of our work during the present year 1881-1882, A. H. 1298-1299.

The Mystic Temple at Cairo was opened after the usual vacation of three weeks in Ramazan, by a Deputy from the Most Noble Shrine at Mecca, Brother Mohammed Areesh, President of the College at the Holy City, who introduced to us the newly discovered Ritual, which is in reality the original and most ancient Ritual of the Order, used by the immediate successors of the second Kalif Omar the Magnificent.

This Ritual I had the honor of witnessing as exemplified in due form, after most elaborate preparations, costumes, and rehearsals, with all the private instruction not lawful to be written, in 1874, and Noble Rawson was present and received all the needful directions for its harmonious presentation. The customary habit of extreme conservatism has prevented our Temple from profiting by its use until the present year. I am informed by letters from your city that you have already adopted the ancient Ritual, and shall be glad to hear your reports on its reception by your Brotherhood, that I may be able to give to the Central Shrine at Mecca details of the substantial and, as is reported, unparalleled progress of the Order in America.

It is a pleasure to be able to inform you of the re-establishment of our Order generally throughout the Eastern World, nearly every kingdom or sovereignty being now represented at the General Assembly of Nobles, which meets once in three years at Mecca. In Egypt and neighboring countries, even as far as India, nearly every member of the Government is a Noble of the Mystic Shrine. The most able supporters of our Order here are the educated Arabs, members of the learned professions, professors in the colleges, and among them are some who are proficient in ancient history, and who are able to give us well considered lectures on the Origin and Early History of the Mystic Shrine, and by so doing have infused great zeal among the Brotherhood, ennobling the Order by valuable information, and honoring themselves.

Our Regalia is a carefully studied reproduction of the costumes worn by the Brothers under the early Kalifs, who found our Order of the utmost service in their career of conquerors and rulers.

The Chemistry of the Temple work is under the charge of our Noble Brother Hassan Ibn Masteeke, professor of Chemistry and Mineralogy, and lecturer on Astronomy in the College of the Hassaneeyeh.

The banquets during the year have been catered by Ismail Tibneen, Chef de Cuisine to His Highness, the Khedive. Among the

many revivals of historical dishes of the age of Antony and Cleopatra we have had the precious ortolan from Cyprus, a delicacy that in former times was reserved for the tables of princes.

The number of applicants for admission to our sacred Rites is always greatly in excess of our ability to initiate, for we are limited by an ancient rule to the number of ten candidates at any one Session.

At Alexandria, the Shrine Temple meets in the Ancient Palace of the Ptolemies, now partly remodelled for offices and lodge rooms. On the days of high festivals of our Order it has been the custom for some centuries to hold a Solemn Conclave in one of the great Temples of ancient Egypt, performing our Mystic Rites under the stony eyes of the sculptured gods and the painted heroes of the golden age of the Nile Kings. Two of these annual gatherings have been held in the famous chambers named after Belzoni, in the great room called the Hall of Beauty, where on the wall, in colors, life size, is the group of an ancient initiation, which I notice is engraved on the cover of one of your pamphlets, and is also on the circular notice to candidates issued by your Temple. Our last Grand Consistory was assembled in that room, and comprised delegates from Egypt, Arabia, Syria, Abyssinia, Tunis, and Algiers.

Our Deputies and Delegates to the Central Shrine at Mecca must in all cases be professed Mohammedans; and there are always numbers among the annual pilgrims to the Kaabah who are willing and competent to represent us there. The discovery of the Ancient Records of our Order at Aleppo, in the long forgotten library of a monastery, has given a fresh and vigorous impetus to our work. We can now justly claim to have the most ancient connected and consecutive history of any order in the Eastern World.

I have the honor, Illustrious and Noble Sir and Brother, to convey to you the high esteem and consideration of our Brotherhood in Egypt.

JAMES GRANT, M.D.,

Physician to His Highness, the Khedive.

Dated at Cairo, and forwarded by order of the Allee Pasha Temple, Ancient Arabic Order, Nobles of the Mystic Shrine.

THE MYSTIC SHRINE IN JERUSALEM.

JERUSALEM, SYRIA,

Friday, 12th Jamuz ul Awwal, A.H. 1299,

March 31, 1882.

TO ILLUSTRIOUS NOBLE WALTER M. FLEMING, 33°, ILL.: GRAND
POTENTATE, NOBLES OF THE MYSTIC SHRINE:

ILL.: SIR AND BRO.: At the last stated meeting of the Temple of Omar, Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, it was decreed that the Recorder open a correspondence with neighboring and foreign countries, for the purpose of gaining and giving information on the progress and condition of the Order throughout the world. I therefore salute you in the name of our Shrine of Omar Temple, and beg the favor of a reply.

Omar Temple dates its origin to the year A.D. 660, which was soon after the Saracens drove the Persians out of the Holy City. Among our members are found the heads of the great Christian sects located in this city, the Consuls of the various powers represented here, seventeen in all, and a host of educated and refined men, leaders, many gifted ones in science and the arts, and many noted travellers from nearly every country on the face of the globe. No pilgrimage to the Holy City is considered complete until our Shrine has been honored.

The meetings are held by the permission of the Pasha, the Governor of Jerusalem, in the chamber of the Mejlis, the Honorable Council of the city.

The Temple at Jaffa has suffered in the loss of its ancient archives, the city having been destroyed during the Middle Ages, when Athlit and Cæsarea were the ports. The Shrine at Athlit is now used as a granary and storehouse for straw, the ancient inscriptions being still visible on the battered walls and ceiling, which are of fine gray stone, highly finished and decorated by the architect.

The Temple at Damascus has been more fortunate, and its Shrine is venerated third in order, Mecca and Jerusalem being first and second, and Aleppo is counted fourth on the sacred roll. The meetings at Damascus are held monthly, at the new moon, and its records have been kept, with very few intermissions of short duration, for over twelve centuries, dating from Moharram, A.H. 35, A.D. 657.

The room now used by the Temple is in the Khan of Hussein, a building of black and white marble, with a large court yard, fountain, fruit and shade trees, arcades and corridors ; and the apartments are decorated and furnished in the most ornate style, with designs emblematic of the principles and purposes of the Order. Communication is kept up by the annual caravan with the Holy City of Mecca, and by the monthly caravan with the City of Aleppo. With Beirout and Smyrna we are able to exchange greetings and courtesies almost daily.

The Temple in Beirout is the richest in Syria, its members having been largely drawn from the rich merchants and traders of that port ; and also from having initiated a great number of travellers from various countries, many of whom left substantial tokens of their high appreciation of the sublime merits of our Order.

The Druzes in Mount Lebanon have ever been faithful to the tenets of the Shrine, and their chiefs and leaders, educated men, professors of literature and the arts, are numbered among its devotees. The chief Temple Shrine is at Dayr el Kamer, where the Mystic Rites greet the new moon regularly with the rolling seasons, the Druzes never having had a vacation or interruption during seven centuries of Mystic work. They meet in the well known subterranean chambers attached to the Governor's palace, where the secret rites of the Order are safe from profane intrusion.

In our next communication I intend to give some details of our progress in Damascus, with notices of some of the chief notables and high functionaries who have honored our Mystic Shrine.

I have the honor to salute you with the Mystic Word, and convey to you my sentiments of profound esteem.

JAMES H. CLARKE,

Recorder of the Temple Saladin, Es Shawm (Damascus).

SAMUEL EGGLOFFSTEIN,

Recorder of Temple Omar, El Kuds (Jerusalem).

THE MYSTIC SHRINE IN DAMASCUS.

I have also the honor and pleasure of laying before you the following letter from our illustrious Brother, the celebrated Abd-el-Kader, of Damascus, Syria, a translation of which is inclosed.

Translation.

PRAISE BE TO THE ONLY GOD !

To the Illustrious Noble WALTER M. FLEMING, 33°, Grand Potentate, Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, of the United States of America, Greeting :

I have received a copy of the letter of our Representative near your Council, directed to our Secretary of the Temple Saladin (Salah-ed-Deen), and also the printed copy of your laws and the Oriental esoteric ceremonies. The Secretary of Temple Saladin has also communicated to me the letter which transmitted your greetings. May God reward you ! and also the Recorder of your Council, and our Representative, whose generosity procured me the honor and favors mentioned herein.

Temple Saladin has been favored by God during the past year, and has added to its roll of Nobles the names of many of the most worthy and notable men of our city and district (vilayet), the whole number being beyond the mark of three thousand. Among the most valued of the newly received Nobles are those whom the fates drove out of Egypt recently, and who fortunately escaped before the storm burst over that unhappy land. One of these exiles is the well known Coptic scholar, Makaukas, a descendant of the Governor of Alexandria, of the same name, who aided the cause of the Kalif when the hated Greeks were driven out of that city on the 1st Moharram A. H. 20 (December 10, 641). The uncle of our respected Brother was a resident of my native city of Maskara, in Algiers, and served as one of my aids during the campaign against the French (in 1835), at Makta.

When I was permitted by the late Emperor of the French, Napoleon the Third, to reside at Broosa (Asia Minor, Turkey), Makaukas who had been my aid (wakeel), and Omar Fasroor, assisted me in founding the Temple Solyman at that city. [Founded in 1849.—Trans.] That Shrine numbers at the present time a thousand and

one Nobles, all of illustrious parentage, well recommended, and many of them eminent for services in aid of their fellow-men, who are striving to dispel the clouds of ignorance and fanaticism which hang like a pall over some sections of our land.

The Temple Saladin has a brilliant record of several centuries, which includes the names of many of the rulers of the country, and also of the most noted families not only in the city Es Shawn (Damascus) but of the mountain districts of Lebanon and Anti-Lebanon, especially among the ancient and exclusive sect of the Druzes. It was my privilege, on the occasion of my visit to the Emeer of Deir el Kamr, to be present at a convocation of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, held in the banquet hall of the ancient palace of the Emeers. The large number of 33 (talatte oo talatteen) were ennobled (yamalaho shareef).

It is with great abundance of satisfaction that I am able to testify to you of the most timely and efficient aid which our Noble Order has been ever ready to give the authorities of this city and district, especially in critical emergencies. The history of the past events in Damascus confirms my words, as I write, that our services have been the means, under the favor of God, of saving many lives and much valuable property. The most notable incident was that of 1860, when my faithful Nobles sustained me in preserving more than thirteen thousand imperilled Christians against their fanatical enemies, who threatened them with fire and sword.

My duties in the Shrine of the Temple Saladin, during the last year, have been performed by a deputy (naib) in my presence. Advancing years intimate to me that I may at any moment be summoned to join the innumerable caravan of Nobles who have congregated about the Unseen Shrine. May God favor and preserve you many years!

Beginning of Moharram, A.H. 1300.

This is written according to my intentions.

ABD-EL-KADER BEN MAKHI-ED-DEEN.

The above Correspondence is respectfully submitted to the Imperial Council.

ALBERT L. RAWSON,

Representative of the Temples in the East.

CONGRESS
OF THE
Imperial Council for the United States of America.

1892-1893.

The Grand Officers are given on the second page.

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TEMPLES ESTABLISHED IN THE UNITED STATES.

1881.

MECCA TEMPLE, NEW YORK, N. Y.

The full list of Officers of this Temple is here given, to show that the ceremonies may be enhanced by engaging the interest of a large number of the Nobles :

Walter M. Fleming,	<i>Grand Potentate.</i>
Augustus W. Peters,	<i>Chief Rabban.</i>
Philip C. Benjamin,	<i>Assistant Rabban.</i>
Charles H. Heyzer,	<i>High Priest.</i>
Rev. C. L. Twing,	<i>Scherif ul Ulema.</i>
James McGee,	<i>Oriental Guide.</i>
Joseph M. Levey,	<i>Treasurer.</i>
William S. Paterson,	<i>Recorder.</i>
James V. Kirby,	<i>First Cer. Master.</i>
Hermion J. Emerson,	<i>Second Cer. Master.</i>
Edgar M. Ayers,	<i>Marshal.</i>
Fred. Schwalenberg,	<i>Assistant Marshal.</i>
Daniel M. McLellan,	<i>Senior Capt. Guard.</i>
Edward S. Innet,	<i>Junior Capt. Guard.</i>
Albert C. Johnson,	<i>Organist.</i>
Carl Bergstein,	<i>Chanters</i>
Arthur T. Hills,	
George B. Eddy,	
Amos L. See,	<i>of</i>
Harvey Mitchell,	
Isaac F. Gorham,	<i>Al Koran.</i>
Stephen W. Swift,	<i>Outer Guard.</i>
Theodore Reeves,	<i>Assistant Guard.</i>
Joseph B. Eakins,	<i>Director.</i>
Robert C. Brown,	<i>Assistant Director.</i>
William Q. Titus,	<i>Assistant Director.</i>
William J. Florence,	<i>Amir ul Umra.</i>
John F. Collins,	<i>Sultan Scherif.</i>
T. T. Timayenis,	<i>Nekib el Ascharaf.</i>
Edward Adams,	<i>Scherif el Haram.</i>
Edward Williams,	<i>Jeweller.</i>
James B. Grant,	<i>Alchemist.</i>
Bensen Sherwood,	<i>Architect.</i>
John N. Blazi,	<i>Engineer.</i>
Charles P. Cocks,	<i>Scherif el Kaaba.</i>
Thomas J. Leigh,	<i>Jallaad.</i>
Warren R. Hedden,	<i>Abdallah.</i>
John B. Russell,	<i>Khawwan.</i>
George W. Millar,	<i>Mukhabbir.</i>
Joseph F. Waring,	<i>Azra.</i>
Judson W. Holbrook,	<i>Sabiyah.</i>
Charles W. Torrey,	<i>Amir el Hajji.</i>
George McNeil,	<i>Scherif el Zemzem.</i>
Stephen D. Affleck,	<i>Scherif el Muezzin.</i>
Samuel L. Terhune,	<i>Scherif ad Diyafat.</i>
Albert L. Rawson,	<i>Prof. Arabic.</i>

In addition, there are twenty-five Nobles dressed in full Arabic costume.

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AL KORAN TEMPLE, CLEVELAND, OHIO.

Sam Briggs,	<i>Grand Potentate.</i>
Eben J. Cutler,	<i>Chief Rabban.</i>
W. J. Akers,	<i>Assistant Rabban.</i>
George H. Burt,	<i>High Priest.</i>
Frederick A. Morse.	<i>Oriental Guide.</i>
C. T. Wesley,	<i>Treasurer.</i>
H. W. Hubbard,	<i>Recorder.</i>
C. F. Spencer,	<i>First Cer. Master.</i>
Charles D. Collins,	<i>Second Cer. Master.</i>
J. W. Gibbons,	<i>Marshal.</i>
Horace A. Bishop,	<i>Captain of Guard.</i>
George T. McIntosh,	<i>Outer Guard.</i>

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James E. Allanson,	<i>Chief Rabban.</i>
Theodore D. Smith,	<i>Assistant Rabban.</i>
Addison D. Cole,	<i>High Priest.</i>
Herman H. Russ,	<i>Oriental Guide.</i>
William H. Haskell,	<i>Treasurer.</i>
William E. Fitch,	<i>Recorder.</i>
Erasmus D. Jones,	<i>First Cer. Master.</i>
William Easton,	<i>Second Cer. Master.</i>
John B. Thacher,	<i>Marshal.</i>
Thomas P. Way,	<i>Captain of Guard.</i>
William H. Gladding,	<i>Outer Guard.</i>

No. of Members, 38.

PYRAMID TEMPLE, DAVENPORT, IOWA.

Frank W. Angel,	<i>Grand Potentate.</i>
Henry Carse,	<i>Chief Rabban.</i>
George P. Marvin,	<i>Assistant Rabban.</i>
Daniel B. Shelley,	<i>High Priest.</i>
William H. Smith,	<i>Oriental Guide.</i>
Frank S. Hastings,	<i>Treasurer.</i>
Cornelius J. Brown,	<i>Recorder.</i>
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John N. Davis,	<i>Second Cer. Master.</i>
Thomas Murray,	<i>Marshal.</i>
Levi H. Whitson,	<i>Captain of Guard.</i>
William G. Jones,	<i>Outer Guard.</i>

No. of Members, 27.

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Levi T. Griffn,	<i>Assistant Rabban.</i>
D. Burnham Tracy,	<i>High Priest</i>
B. G. Latimer,	<i>Oriental Guide</i>
Benjamin F. Haxton,	<i>Treasurer and Recorder.</i>
J. J. Bardwell,	<i>First Cer. Master.</i>
A. Ridley,	<i>Second Cer. Master.</i>
G. J. Shipman,	<i>Marshal.</i>
James Findlater,	<i>Captain of Guard.</i>
J. E. King,	<i>Outer Guard.</i>

No. of Members, 26.

SYRIAN TEMPLE, CINCINNATI, OHIO.

William B. Melish,	<i>Grand Potentate.</i>
George Eustis,	<i>Chief Rabban.</i>
Charles H. Flach,	<i>Assistant Rabban.</i>
Sherwood B. Markland,	<i>High Priest.</i>
Edward W. Masterson,	<i>Oriental Guide.</i>
Thomas Kite, Jr.,	<i>Treasurer.</i>
James A. Collins,	<i>Recorder.</i>
Jacob Menderson,	<i>First Cer. Master.</i>
Theodore F. Nieman,	<i>Second Cer. Master.</i>
William Michie,	<i>Marshal.</i>
Charles Epply,	<i>Captain of Guard.</i>
Frank J. Leavitt,	<i>Outer Guard.</i>

No. of Members, 22.

PYRAMID TEMPLE, BRIDGEPORT, CONN.

Julius W. Knowlton,	<i>Grand Potentate.</i>
Stephen T. Bartlett,	<i>Chief Rabban.</i>
Andrew H. Doolittle,	<i>Assistant Rabban.</i>
Hobart W. Watson,	<i>High Priest.</i>
A. D. Dutton,	<i>Oriental Guide.</i>
Henry Gardner,	<i>Treasurer.</i>
E. Stewart Sumner,	<i>Recorder.</i>
Edwin I. Pyle,	<i>First Cer. Master.</i>
Abram A. Kells,	<i>Second Cer. Master.</i>
Walter B. Osborne,	<i>Marshal.</i>
Charles A. Gerdenier,	<i>Captain of Guard.</i>
William F. Bishop,	<i>Outer Guard.</i>

No. of Members, 16.

ZIYARA TEMPLE, UTICA, N. Y.

Frazier W. Hurlburt,	<i>Grand Potentate.</i>
Taliesin Evans,	<i>Chief Rabban.</i>
Edward A. Tallman,	<i>Assistant Rabban.</i>
Charles B. Foster,	<i>High Priest.</i>
Theodore W. Bolks,	<i>Oriental Guide.</i>
Charles E. Barnard,	<i>Treasurer.</i>
Thomas Jay Griffiths,	<i>Recorder.</i>
Jacob J. Davis,	<i>First Cer. Master.</i>
Henry R. Jones,	<i>Second Cer. Master.</i>
H. Gilbert Hart,	<i>Marshal.</i>
John Griffiths,	<i>Captain of Guard.</i>
David J. Evans,	<i>Outer Guard.</i>

No. of Members, 12.

MOUNT SINAI TEMPLE, MONTPELIER, VT.

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Charles H. Heaton,	<i>Chief Rabban.</i>
Jesse C. Paine,	<i>Assistant Rabban.</i>
George O. Tyler,	<i>High Priest.</i>
J. Henry Jackson,	<i>Oriental Guide.</i>
Artemas N. Pearson,	<i>Treasurer.</i>
Frank H. Bascom,	<i>Recorder.</i>
George W. Tilden,	<i>First Cer. Master.</i>
Horace L. Johonnot,	<i>Second Cer. Master.</i>
Henry D. Bean,	<i>Marshal.</i>
Hial O. Hatch,	<i>Captain of Guard.</i>
William C. Bradbury,	<i>Outer Guard.</i>

No. of Members, 11.

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Lee Chamberlin,	<i>Chief Rabban.</i>
Levi H. Button,	<i>Assistant Rabban.</i>
William R. Hyde,	<i>High Priest.</i>
Theodore E. Haslehurst,	<i>Oriental Guide.</i>
Gorton P. Cozzens,	<i>Treasurer.</i>
Edward B. Cox,	<i>Recorder.</i>
Alexander B. King,	<i>First Cer. Master.</i>
George F. Greene,	<i>Second Cer. Master.</i>
William F. Robertson,	<i>Marshal.</i>
Joseph W. Smart,	<i>Captain of Guard.</i>
Charles Teson,	<i>Outer Guard.</i>

No. of Members, 16.

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DAMASCUS TEMPLE, ROCHESTER, N. Y.

George F. Loder, *Grand Potentate.*
William Davis, *Recorder.*

No. of Members, 148.
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MEDINA TEMPLE, ATCHISON, KANSAS.

Joseph A. Greenawalt, *Grand Potentate.*
No Report.

MOHAMMED TEMPLE, NEW HAVEN, CONN.

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SYRIA TEMPLE PITTSBURGH, PA.

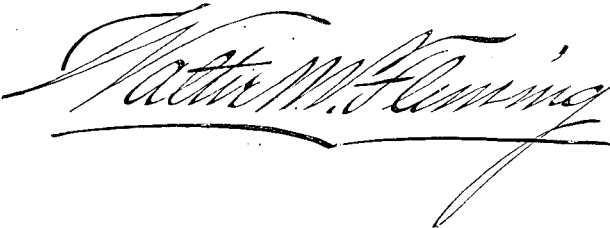
Samuel Harper, *Grand Potentate.*
No Report.

CLOSING OF IMPERIAL COUNCIL.

On motion, the reading of the Proceedings was dispensed with.
The Imperial Council was closed in full ceremonial form, with
due Invocation and Declaration.

PUBLICATION.

The Proceedings are hereby approved for publication.

M. I. GRAND POTENTATE.

ATTEST:

ILL. GRAND RECORDER.

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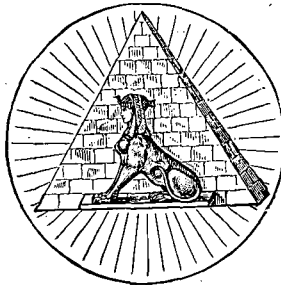
NOBLES OF THE MYSTIC SHRINE,

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FOR THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

NINTH ANNUAL PROCEEDINGS,

JUNE 6, 1883.



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FOR

The United States of America.

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Nobles of the Mystic Shrine,

قليم عربي اخويه اشراف لامن سري مسزيد

FOR THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

GRAND ORIENT, NEW YORK.

NINTH ANNUAL SESSION—1883.

THE Ninth Annual Session of the Imperial Council for the United States, pursuant to Resolution of February 4, 1880, was held at the Grand Orient, City of New York, N. Y., at Al Beyt Ullahi 'l-Haram of Mecca Temple, in the Masonic Temple, on Nahar el Arbaa, the 30th day of the seventh Arabic month of Rajab, A.H. 1300, corresponding to Wednesday, the 6th day of June, A.D. 1883, at two o'clock P.M., and in accordance with the notice issued to all Officers, Members, and Temples, as follows:

OFFICE OF MOST ILLUSTRIOUS GRAND POTENTATE,
New York, May 1, 1883.

ILLUSTRIOUS NOBLE :

The Imperial Council for the United States of America will hold its Ninth Annual Session in the City of New York, on Wednesday, June 6, 1883, at Masonic Temple, at two o'clock P.M.

The Triennial Election of Officers will take place during this Session, and other very important business will be transacted. It is earnestly hoped that the Officers and Representatives will be in attendance.

ACTIVE MEMBERS.—A copy of the Revised Statutes and Regulations, embracing the History of the Order and a detail of all necessary information, having been sent to each Subordinate Temple and Deputy, you are

hereby respectfully referred to Section I. of the Statutes, for the selection of Active Members of the Imperial Council for the next Triennial Term, as the term of all Actives and Deputies expires at this Session, unless re-elected.

Subordinate Temples, in arrears for Dues and Initiation Fees to the Imperial Council, are respectfully requested to make immediate returns, to December 31, 1883.

All individual members of the Order, not provided with DIPLOMAS, are referred to Section XXI., Statutes and Regulations, by which they are entitled to Diplomas when their Temples return their names with the Initiation Fee, as provided by Sections XXI. and XXXIX. The Ill. Grand Potentates of all Subordinate Temples are responsible for the enforcement of the requirements of the Statutes and Regulations, and particularly of the Sections just referred to. The sources from which the revenues of the Imperial Council are derived are largely represented by the above-mentioned Sections.

The Presiding Officer of each Subordinate Temple is hereby requested to direct his Ill. Recorder to make out a *complete list of membership of the Temple, with date of each initiation*, and to make such return to this Grand Body on or before its coming annual session, June 6, 1883, ACCOMPANIED WITH THE INITIATION FEE FOR EVERY INITIATE, when Certificates for every member will be immediately filled out by the Ill. Grand Recorder and forwarded to their respective Temples (in accordance with Sections XXI. and XXXIX.).

RETURNS.—In accordance with the above instructions, the Recorder of each Temple will make a full report of all members.

All Deputies of the Imperial Council are hereby ordered to make their full returns, on or before the coming session, and are referred to Section XX. of the Statutes for their guidance and information.

SPECIAL NOTICE.—All Subordinate Temples and Deputies not provided with the revised Ritual are requested to bring or send their old copies of the Ritual, and receive the newly-authorized esoteric work, and give their receipt for the same.

All copies sent by mail or express should be securely wrapped and sealed, and directed to the M. I. Grand Potentate. The price of additional or extra copies of Ritual, to such as are entitled to hold the same, will be Five Dollars for each copy.

Your presence at this coming session of the Imperial Council is fraternally solicited.

Courteously yours in the Shrine,

WALTER M. FLEMING, 33°,

MOST ILL. GRAND POTENTATE.

WM. S. PATERSON, 33°,

ILL. GRAND RECORDER.

PRESENT.

III. WALTER M. FLEMING,	M. I. Grand Potentate.
" GEORGE F. LODER,	Deputy Grand Potentate.
" EDWARD M. L. EHLERS,	Grand Chief Rabban.
" SAM BRIGGS,	Grand Assistant Rabban.
" WILLIAM H. WHITING,	Grand High Priest & Prophet.
" JULIUS W. KNOWLTON,	as Grand Oriental Guide.
" JOSEPH M. LEVEY,	as Grand Treasurer.
" WILLIAM S. PATERSON,	Grand Recorder.
" D. BURNHAM TRACY,	as Grand First Cer. Master.
" WILLIAM FOWLER,	Grand Second Cer. Master.
" WILLIAM B. MELISH,	as Grand Marshal.
" CHARLES H. HEYZER,	as Grand Captain of the Guard.
" CHARLES W. TORREY,	Grand Outer Guard.
" STEPHEN W. SWIFT,	Grand Assistant Guard.

DIRECTORY.

Noble CHARLES T. McCLENACHAN,
" JOSEPH B. EAKINS,
" SAM BRIGGS.

ACTIVE MEMBERS.

Noble JOSEPH B. EAKINS,
" WILLIAM E. FITCH,
" CHARLES H. HEYZER,
" JULIUS W. KNOWLTON,
" JOSEPH M. LEVEY,
" CHARLES T. McCLENACHAN,
" WILLIAM B. MELISH,
" GEORGE W. MILLAR,
" D. BURNHAM TRACY.

PAST ACTIVE MEMBERS.

Noble SAMUEL R. CARTER,
" ALBERT L. RAWSON,
" GEORGE SCOTT.

REPRESENTATIVES OF TEMPLES.

Noble WILLIAM E. FITCH,	Cyprus Temple.
" GEORGE F. LODER,	Damascus Temple.
" WALTER M. FLEMING,	Mecca Temple.
" D. BURNHAM TRACY,	Moslem Temple.
" THEODORE E. HASLEHURST,	Oriental Temple.
" JULIUS W. KNOWLTON,	Pyramid Temple.
" WILLIAM B. MELISH,	Syrian Temple.

The Imperial Council.

DEPUTIES.

Noble	JEROME B. BORDEN,	New Jersey.
"	SAM BRIGGS,	Ohio.
"	JOSEPH B. EAKINS,	New York.
"	THOMAS J. SHRYOCK,	Maryland.
"	CHARLES W. TORREY,	New York.
"	D. BURNHAM TRACY,	Michigan.

REPRESENTATIVE FOR EASTERN COUNTRIES.

Noble ALBERT L. RAWSON.

VISITORS.

And a large number of the Nobles of the Order, who were Visitors from various parts of the United States.

OPENING.

The Imperial Council was opened in full ceremonial form.

The Grand High Priest delivered the solemn Invocation of the Order.

The Imperial Council was declared open and in order for business.

ADMISSION OF NOBLES.

On motion of Noble CHARLES W. TORREY, it was—

Resolved, That Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, properly accredited, be, and they are hereby, invited to be present during the Session of the Imperial Council.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE EIGHTH ANNUAL SESSION.

The Grand Recorder announced that the Proceedings of the Eighth Annual Session had been printed and sent to all Members of the Imperial Council, and to all Temples.

On motion, the reading of the last Annual Proceedings was dispensed with.

On motion of Noble JOSEPH B. EAKINS, it was—

Resolved, That the Proceedings of the Eighth Annual Session be approved and adopted as printed.

ANNUAL ADDRESS.

The Most Illustrious Grand Potentate, WALTER M. FLEMING, submitted and read the following Annual Address:

NEW YORK, May 30, 1883.

TO THE OFFICERS, REPRESENTATIVES, AND ILLUSTRIOUS NOBLES
OF THE IMPERIAL COUNCIL OF THE ANCIENT ARABIC ORDER
OF THE NOBLES OF THE MYSTIC SHRINE:

Again we are permitted to meet in another (now our Ninth) Annual Session of the Imperial Council of our Order.

The cycle of another year has rolled by, and with it our progress in the Shrine has been marked by advancement and success. Much has been accomplished in perfecting the rendition of our ceremonials, and a widespread interest has manifested itself, both in the exemplification of the work and the establishment of subordinate Temples. The accession to our numbers has been very large, and the zeal manifested by the membership to further our progress has been exceedingly gratifying.

CONDITION OF THE ORDER.

The past year has been characterized by a rapidly increasing interest in the Shrine. New Temples have been formed, and an earnest desire apparent in the older Temples to promote a commendable perfection in equipment and work.

The result is that the Order is increasing in expanse of territory and numbers in membership. Some of our Deputies have evinced a more earnest effort to promote the advancement and success of the Institution.

The correspondence has been largely increasing, and the prospect of a widening of our territory is gradually apparent. There exists, however, a deficiency still on the part of some, both Potentates and Deputies, in making the proper returns and within the specified time of requirement. Through the zeal and devotion of our Committee on Statutes and Regulations, and more particularly our Illustrious Grand Recorder, the newly revised Statutes have been issued, and much good is expected to accrue therefrom; and if they be judiciously enforced as now revised, much will be accomplished toward promoting prompt and proper returns, and altogether a better government of the principles of the Order. At our last Annual Session an admirable addition was made by a provision in our Statutes and Regulations establishing a Directory, or

Executive Commission, invested with power to adjust and correct all disputes and inadvertencies, constituting a Tribunal or Court of Resort to determine all matters at issue during the interim of the Regular Sessions of the Imperial Council, for the details of which I respectfully refer to Section VII., page 6, of our Statutes and Regulations, recently issued. There are several other improvements and provisions in our Statutes which I have not space to comment upon, but simply refer to the issue itself for information.

THE FRATERNAL DEAD.

It is exceedingly gratifying to be able to write an address after the lapse of a year since our last Session, and not be called upon to record the demise of even one of our number of Representatives in this Imperial Council. We have, indeed, been particularly favored in this respect. Although death has stricken from the ranks several of our subordinate members of the Shrine, there has not come to my knowledge the notice of any decease among the Active List of this Council, and for which we should all feel devoutly grateful, and I trust many future years may thus pass and record no deaths from among the goodly number comprising this Imperial Body.

It becomes my duty, however, to refer to the demise of one, although personally a stranger to our Council, save one or two, who have been honored with a personal greeting with this great Chief in the far distant land of Syria, whose history and fame are known to a greater or less extent over the entire inhabited globe. I allude to no less a personage than the renowned Arab Sheik, Abd-el-Kader, of Damascus, Syria, whose death was officially announced but a few days since, on Saturday, May 26, 1883. It is a task too formidable at this time to endeavor to recapitulate the history and interesting memoirs of this great man. I leave that subject matter to the able care of a competent committee, to submit hereafter such a memorial record as their wisdom will suggest, and simply say this famous Shareef was one of the ablest representatives of the Order Bektashee, Inquisitorial Order of the Crescent, or Mystic Shrine, throughout Oriental Europe. A member and long the Ruler of Temple Saladin, Damascus, his letters have reached this Imperial Orient, and will be found in our last year's Proceedings. Two of our Illustrious Nobles have been honored with personal interviews and courtesies at his hands in the far distant land where he so recently held such exalted power. I refer to our Illustrious Oriental Scholars, Nobles A. L. Rawson and William J. Florence, both of whom I earnestly desire, together with our Illustrious Grand Recorder, William S. Paterson, to comprise the commission on the future memorial as a committee eminently qualified to do ample justice to so great a work. I

will briefly state: Sheik El Hadji Abd-el-Kader died at the age of seventy-six years, at Damascus, Syria. His life history embraces the entire historical incidents in the French conquests of Algeria. His lineage is traced directly from Fatima, the daughter of the Prophet. He had been Chief of the Tribes, became Emir of Mascara, and Sovereign of Oran. He waged a holy war against the French; was imprisoned in 1843 in the Castle of Pau; in 1848 he was transferred to Amboise, and released in 1852 by the Emperor Louis Napoleon. He took up his residence at Brousa. His power as a partisan chief was great. Brousa was soon destroyed by an earthquake, after which he removed to Constantinople, thence to Damascus. At the age of eight years he made his first pilgrimage to Mecca. His death was falsely reported in 1879, and numerous obituaries published. He was one of the greatest Notables of our Order.

TRANSACTIONS OF GRAND OFFICERS.

Your Presiding Officer has had a large correspondence in regard to matters appertaining to the Order, all of which has been with an earnest endeavor to fulfil every duty, and intelligibly to reply to every interrogation, not only to the officers and members, but to the lay enquirer.

On June 20, 1882, I conferred authority upon Illustrious Deputy Noble Joseph B. Eakins to confer the Order upon Sir Knights and Illustrious Brothers Henry E. Hosley, of Boston, Massachusetts, and eleven chosen Fratres, for the purpose of forming a Temple in the above named city, which duty our Illustrious Special Deputy performed with the desired result, as will appear under the head of Dispensations and Charters.

On December 1, 1882, I invested constitutional authority upon Illustrious Noble Rev. Anselan Buchanan, of Moundsville, Western Virginia, to confer the Order upon not less than seven nor more than thirteen duly qualified Brethren of the above named city, for the specific purpose of establishing a Temple at that place.

The Directory have fulfilled all the several duties devolving upon them, as every case and emergency required.

I feel it my duty to here make a personal allusion to those upon whom duties of no trivial nature have been imposed and ably fulfilled. Primarily, to our Illustrious Noble Charles T. McClenahan, a member of the Directory and Chairman of Committee on Statutes and Regulations, whose inestimable services have done much for both our advancement and progressive harmony. Illustrious Brother William S. Paterson, also, for his untiring zeal in compiling and issuing the History, Statutes and Regulations, and our Transactions, for which he is eminently entitled to every praise. I desire also to bestow praise where it is deservedly due

—upon Illustrious Noble Joseph B. Eakins, for his unwearying zeal in promoting the welfare and prosperity of our Order, as a member of the Directory, as a Special Deputy at large, and personally an unselfish devotee, at once self-sacrificing and sincere, having not only devoted valuable time to the cause here at the Grand Orient, but has travelled far to disseminate the principles of the Order, and without the expectation or hope of fee or reward. To these three Illustrious Brothers particularly are due the thanks and full expression of appreciation of their valuable services from the entirety of this Imperial Council. To them, more than any others, are we indebted for our mature and perfect status of to-day.

Our Illustrious Deputy, Henry E. Hosley, of Boston, Massachusetts, established a Temple in that city, and Illustrious Deputy John H. Gray, of California, has organized one in San Francisco, California, to which subject matter will be found reference later in this address.

Our Illustrious Deputy, William J. Florence, has referred several applicants to these Headquarters to receive the Order and organize subordinate Temples.

DISPENSATIONS AND CHARTERS.

Special Dispensations were issued to Illustrious Noble Joseph B. Eakins, June 20, 1882, to confer the Order upon the constitutional number in the City of Boston, Massachusetts, to form a Temple, also one to Illustrious Noble Anselan Buchanan, of Moundsville, Western Virginia, for the same purpose in that district, to both of which allusion has already been made.

Authority has also been granted in a number of instances during the year to confer the Order upon worthy and desirable neophytes for the benefit and progress of the Institution. A detailed recapitulation of the correspondence in regard to enquiries during the past year relative to the Order of the Shrine, time and space will not allow.

On June 23, 1882, a Dispensation was solicited for Aleppo Temple, in the City of Boston, Massachusetts. The Order was conferred upon seven applicants, as a nucleus for forming the Temple, and the Dispensation was granted August 3, 1882, and we are informed that the Temple is in working order.

On December 5, 1882, a Dispensation was granted to Medinah Temple of Chicago, Illinois, the Order having been conferred upon the constitutional number, and the Temple is reported equipped with full paraphernalia for the exemplification of the work.

On March 6, 1883, Dispensation was granted Islam Temple, of San Francisco, California, and this Temple reports rapid progress toward completion of its paraphernalia.

On April 5, Dispensation was granted to Illustrious Noble Sam Briggs, of Cleveland, Ohio, to confer the Order upon the constitutional number of applicants, to establish a Temple at Toledo, Ohio, to be known under the name of Osman Temple. The report of this Deputy's work in that jurisdiction has not yet been received.

Mecca Temple, of the City of New York, a short time since, exemplified the Order in full upon six applicants, from Easton, Pennsylvania, as a nucleus to establish a Temple in that City, and it is expected soon to form and open a Temple there for the rendition of the work. Mecca Temple has also conferred the Order upon candidates from several other localities, under the sanction of constitutional authority, for the purpose of promoting the establishment of new Temples, several of whom are now under correspondence with a view of proceeding to organize and promote an interest in the Order, in territory not as yet represented, and no doubt by the coming fall much advancement will be made toward such a result. A little interest manifested on the part of our Active Members and Deputies will enlarge our field of action very materially.

There are now chartered, and under dispensation, eighteen Temples, which evinces the growth and advancement of the Order. There are also several additional new localities under correspondence relative to the establishment of new Temples at an early date.

FINANCE AND ACCOUNTS.

I am exceedingly gratified to be able to state that a very large proportion of the long standing indebtedness of the Imperial Council has been liquidated, and we are rapidly approximating a clear sheet and an independent financial basis. It now only requires a prompt response from the subordinate Temples in making their returns, and the continued zeal on the part of our Deputies and Representatives in the establishment of Temples in new territories, to place us beyond the pale of obligation, and show an exchequer equal to each and every requirement which the Parent Temple of our Order demands.

I do not wish at this time to let the opportunity pass to state, as a matter of information and record, that through the continued exertions of Illustrious Nobles Eakins and Paterson, the Director and Recorder of Mecca Temple of the City of New York, the Revenue of the Imperial Council has been largely dependent upon Mecca Temple alone for support and deliverance. The income from this source has been several hundreds of dollars, and has contributed very largely toward liquidating the long standing indebtedness of the Grand Body.

Mecca Temple has fulfilled *every* requirement, has complied with

the provisions of the Statutes and Regulations to the letter, without the aid of which this Imperial Council would have still been in a deplorable state of confusion and under lamentable obligations. Mecca Temple, therefore, stands a living example to all the subordinate Bodies to emulate. She has reflected honor upon herself, and should reflect a little discredit upon some Temples of this Order, not necessary to name, who are not only delinquent, but aspire to prominence by being dictatorial, and questioning the propriety of some of the proceedings at these Headquarters.

To all such discontents, I feel that I may with pride refer to the records of the last twelve years, since the incubation of this illustrious Order on this side of the Globe.

The formidable undertaking which was assumed by a zealous and tenacious few, the endless task that devolved upon them, the vast obligation incurred, and the plucky manner in which the same nucleus which espoused this cause, to save the Parent, reared the Child, coached and perfected it, that it might come to the rescue in the time of need. I refer to Mecca Temple, as the first born of this Oriental Parent; and without reserve or evasion, I now impartially, and without fear or favor, place the credit where it is due, a well merited compliment, to Mecca Temple, of the Shrine, with its membership of nearly five hundred Sons of the Desert. She has (and I say it without fear of the accusation of being the exponent of a "mutual admiration society") done more to sustain the Parent Temple, the Imperial Council, than all her sister Temples extant. In saying this, I do not intend to reflect upon all, by any means. But it should be a deserved rebuke upon such *limited* localities of our jurisdiction *where it applies*.

It is far from gratifying to strive laboriously for a long series of years to achieve a desired success, not only devoting time and toil, but also assuming the responsibility of a formidable indebtedness, and to ensure the continuance and longevity of the Institution, and to advance as an individual the required amounts, to a large sum, until such a time as the Order itself is placed upon a firm financial basis, and able to meet its own requirements. I say it is not only exceedingly perplexing, but it is unjust, unwarranted, and presumptuous for young and newly formed subordinate Bodies or their Representatives, unfamiliar with the details of the arduous struggle and sacrifices, to impugn the veracity of our Nestors, and assail the executive action of our highest commission, by the expression of a doubt as regards the good intentions and honest disbursements of the Committee of Finance, and, in short, the entire open unanimous vote of this Imperial Council. I can only say it is alone attributable primarily to ignorance of a subject, the detail of facts of which is accessible to all, Active and subordinate, if they will but take the

time and trouble to investigate. A little closer attention to the Proceedings of this Council will enable all who desire to become enlightened and familiar with our status. Until then, we do not recognize the right or privilege on the part of any Member, Active or Honorary, to imply an irregularity or question any transaction. I am frank to confess, however, that such sentiment as here alluded to is very circumscribed and exceedingly limited, and is here referred to simply to qualify our position and disabuse any misinformed minds that may have been prompted to infer that some irregularity existed.

I will again revert to the fact that during the past year, through the timely financial aid of our first Temple of the City of New York, much has been accomplished to relieve our stagnation and to advance our prospects. A new invoice of Diplomas were issued during March last, which were only delayed on account of deficiency of finances. Recently, also, our Revised Statutes and Regulations, accompanied by the History of the Order, have been published.

The compiling, arranging, and printing of our Proceedings have finally been accomplished, comprising a detail of all transactions for several years, heretofore out of our power to issue, together with many other details, which, during the long past, have devolved entirely upon the resources of a small number of your individual Representatives. And now, at this third Triennial Session, we may proudly say that we are developing into an independence of strength and stature that is at once self-sustaining and defiant of the attacks of its adversaries, the imprudence of its Members, and the ravages of time.

GRIEVANCE AND APPEAL.

Under this head there is little or nothing to be said. Almost absolute peace and harmony have prevailed extant, there having been no general nor individual grievances to mar our tranquillity and well being. There has existed a most commendable, harmonious concert of action and goodly feeling throughout the length and breadth of our jurisdiction, and no appeal has come to our notice to adjudicate upon, no discord to reconcile, a noble, Fraternal equanimity of feeling has characterized our progress, unmarred by either vaulting ambition or decimating strife. The even tenor of true Fraternal alliance has been one of the grand characteristics of our Order.

JURISPRUDENCE AND LAWS.

All matters appertaining to this particular department were, at our last Annual Session, referred to the appropriate Committee, and when the report of that Committee is presented, no doubt the full detail under this head will be submitted. The publication of

our Transactions has, of necessity, been postponed from time to time heretofore, but now I am pleased to announce that the issue has been published, and henceforth we shall doubtless be able to issue the same regularly and in full detail. The compilation and arrangement of our Transactions, accumulating for some years past, has been a task of no small import to accomplish, but through the perseverance and zeal of our Illustrious Grand Recorder that has been perfected, and in future we apprehend no trouble nor delay in presenting our Representatives with a commendable issue, embracing all the information connected with the Order.

In regard to State Councils, as provided for in Section I., Statutes and Regulations, due notice has been given in our annual Circular, issued a few weeks since, announcing the present Session, and no doubt the provision has been complied with, as the tenure of office of all Active Members and Deputies reaches its ultimatum at this Triennial Session, which vacancies are to be filled by election according to such provision.

Under the head of Jurisprudence and Laws I desire again to call the attention of the Committee to the necessity of taking some prompt and decisive action in regard to the negligence on the part of some of the subordinate Temples in making the required returns to this Imperial Council. There still exists a flagrant negligence on the part of certain Temples to even favor us with a reply to the constant and repeated communications addressed to them, calling for a report of their members, status, and remittance of dues to their Parent Council. It is therefore an imperative duty on the part of the Committee on Jurisprudence and Laws to take such action as shall result in the prompt recognition of Imperial Council authority, and the accomplishment of this requirement. Our laws at once become useless unless enforced, and the remedy applied. I desire to urge the necessity of executive action in this particular, without delay.

I desire to call the attention of this Council to the subject of Active Membership of the same, and beg leave to suggest the propriety of a provision or resolution defining the limit of Active Membership in the Imperial Council, according to the membership of subordinate Temples, as it is evidently not an equitable distribution of representative power, as now being acted upon, with the comparatively few States represented by Temples.

It hardly appears to be just and proper, at this time, that where there exists but one Temple in a State, and that remote, and said Temple perhaps comprising a membership of only its original Charter list, or perhaps not more than twelve to fourteen members, they are to select three of their number as Active Representatives, while in other States there exists from two to five Temples, as in the cases of New York and Ohio, and with a membership of from

fifty to four or five hundred, and allowed only *two* Representatives, because of the duplicity or increased labor and prosperity in more enterprising localities. It seems decidedly an unjust provision, and to my mind a very important subject for this Council to consider and provide for, at least until there is not only an increase of Temples in our Territory, but also an increase in all subordinate Temple memberships. I would, therefore, respectfully suggest the propriety of a resolution or regulation at this time, providing that all Temples having a membership under one hundred be entitled to but one Active, from one to two hundred two Actives, from two to three hundred *three* Actives, and, if deemed expedient, so on *seriatim*.

I think this would not only be just, but should be entirely satisfactory, and would be an incentive to promote a renewed activity and increase of membership. I trust this may be acted upon without delay.

REPORTS OF DEPUTIES.

I regret to say that there exists a grave negligence on the part of some of our Deputies in making *their* respective returns to this Imperial Council. Our Representatives should submit a report regularly, under any and all circumstances, whether they have conferred the Order or not, and give a detailed statement of the condition of the Order in their immediate jurisdiction, that we may be able to judge what course may be advisable to pursue to promote its progress and success. I allude to this more particularly at this time as an admonition to the new recipients of office, to endeavor to avoid the necessity of constant urging to induce them to faithfully fulfil the duties assigned them. The zealous few at the Grand Orient of the Order cannot, however industrious in promoting the prosperity of the Institution, compass all the territory, and promote the establishment of subordinate Temples in new fields, even ever so inclined and persevering, else there would be no necessity for the local Representatives who are expected to perform these duties.

Furthermore, there is another matter provided for in our Statutes and Regulations, that comes under the auspices of our Deputies, to which I desire to call your attention. I refer to a clause in Section XX., which provides, "To them the By-laws shall be submitted for approval, as to whether they are in compliance with the Statutory requirements." Where Temples have provided themselves with By-laws for their government, they should be submitted to the Deputy of their jurisdiction for his approval, after which it becomes his duty to report the same to the Imperial Council, together with all other official matters coming under the functions of his department.

I refer to this more particularly for the purpose of inducing the

Temples to comply with these provisions, and the Deputies to take due action on the same, that the Imperial Council may be officially provided with all this necessary reformation.

RITUAL.

At our last Annual Session our Revised Ritual was issued in a most admirable and perfect form, and the exemplification of the ceremonies under that Esoteric régime attests the success with which your Ritualistic Committee achieved a great accomplishment. Our Ritual is now all that could be desired, and the rapidly increasing interest which is manifested in the work is an unmistakable assurance of the universal satisfaction it has imparted. Your Presiding Officer has assumed the responsibility of issuing copies of the work to all applicants entitled to receive the same, and has received the receipts therefor. I desire here to state that the necessity of looking after the Rituals of *outgoing* Actives and Deputies, and an arrangement of transfer, is a most important matter, and I respectfully suggest that a special Ritual Committee be appointed to take charge of this important matter, that the Ritual may not carelessly become the property of novices or fall into improper hands.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

And now, Illustrious Nobles, please permit me to revert here, in brief recapitulation, to some few important points, ere I bring my Address to a close.

Primarily, let me repeat, our Ritual is now a finished work, and well worthy all the study and interest that an active and retentive mind can bestow. Please observe that it be adhered to, unpruned and unchanged; let every detail be observed, and the rendition of the Ceremonies under its arrangement will be most interesting and impressive. Do not permit any deviations nor rearrangement of the text, and you need have no fears of its success.

Our Statutes and Regulations embrace every requirement and provision to rule and govern our Order. Adhere to them, enforce them to the letter, weigh carefully each successive Section, and you will find there an arrangement second to none upon the principles of which any Institution is perpetuated. Its compilation and arrangement have been adjudged by master parliamentarians as the "Mulum in Parvo" of all similar issues, by far the most perfect and exhaustive code extant. And so it merits, for it has emanated from a source which should give it pre-eminence. The time and toil and wisdom that this little work has enlisted, and the hands from which it has sprung, should place it first among its kind. The experience of our Illustrious Nobles who completed this work has been such as to entitle them to excel. And

now, having such complete provision, I charge you, enforce it, and the superiority of your Institution, as strict disciplinarians and perfect in progress, will stand an example for older and larger institutions to emulate.

Our Transactions will henceforth become a volume of interest, and with all these palpable evidences of progress and success, the Shrine will hold sway far and wide, that shall establish a record of meritorious fame, upon which its Disciples may reflect with pride.

Let me, therefore, appeal to you at this time to pursue an active interest in the Institution. Let each and every one lend his influence and his effort to enlarge upon our field of labor, and its rapid strides to popularity and increasing strength and stature will reward you with a goodly record of your work.

In conclusion, Illustrious Nobles, it becomes my duty to announce that the time for your Triennial Election of Officers for this Imperial Council has arrived. Select for yourselves such an official corps as will impartially and faithfully fulfil the functions of each respective office, we hope, with the same commendable harmony that has characterized our labors for the last eight years. And may you go on to an unprecedented success, that will reflect both credit and honor upon every Representative of the Order!

And in yielding up the Sceptre of Rule I have so long held, through your manifested confidence and will, permit me to express the assurances of my pride in and appreciation of the great trusts reposed in me. The exalted position with which you have honored me so long, I confidently entrust to the Illustrious Noble of *your* choice for the achievement of future successes, and may your most sanguine wishes be realized in the advancement and prosperity of our much loved Order.

The principal part of the laborious work which characterizes the inauguration of all newly formed institutions has been accomplished. The Oriental Ritualistic work is now perfect; the Dispensations, Charters, and Diplomas are complete; the History and Statutes and Regulations are in your hands, and are eminently worthy your praise and approbation. Our Proceedings have finally appeared, a compilation formidable but complete, and comprises a volume replete with authentic information concerning the Order through the world, together with a detailed recapitulation of the Transactions of this Imperial Council since its organization. The exemplification of the work has been brought to perfection, and everything appertaining to the Order now upon the high road to an unprecedented success, and no obstacle now remains to a rapid advancement to Strength, Power, and Superiority.

Again, permit me to express my most earnest and sincere thanks for the unvarying confidence and kindness which I have been the

recipient of at your hands, in my official capacity of Grand Potentate of this Imperial Council.

And, further, let me assure you that, under any and all circumstances, I shall continue to feel the deepest interest in the well being of the Shrine, and shall watch with jealous pride its advancement and progress while life remains.

God speed and fortune favor all your efforts, and believe me,

Ever yours to Command in the Shrine,

WALTER M. FLEMING,

M. : ILL. : GRAND POTENTATE.

ADDRESS REFERRED TO SPECIAL COMMITTEE.

On motion of Noble SAM BRIGGS, it was—

Resolved, That the Annual Address of the M. : I. : Grand Potentate be referred to a Special Committee, for subdivision and for reference to the appropriate Committees.

COMMITTEE ON ADDRESS.

The M. : I. : Grand Potentate appointed as the Special Committee on Address:

Noble SAM BRIGGS,

" D. BURNHAM TRACY,

" GEORGE W. MILLAR.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

The M. : I. : Grand Potentate appointed the following Standing Committees :

I.—*Transactions of the Grand Officers.*

Noble CHARLES T. McCLENACHAN,

" D. BURNHAM TRACY,

" WILLIAM H. WHITING.

II.—*Dispensations and Charters.*

Noble CHARLES W. TORREY,

" WILLIAM FOWLER,

" WILLIAM B. MELISH.

ADDRESS TO BE PRINTED.

On motion of Noble GEORGE F. LODER, it was—

Resolved, That two hundred and fifty copies of the Annual Address be printed, and distributed to the Members and Nobles.

In accordance with the Resolution, the Annual Address was printed and distributed to all present.

III.—*Finance and Accounts.*

Noble CHARLES H. HEYZER,
" GEORGE F. LODER,
" WILLIAM H. WHITING.

IV.—*Grievances and Appeals.*

Noble GEORGE W. MILLAR,
" CHARLES W. TORREY,
" WILLIAM J. FLORENCE.

V.—*Jurisprudence and Laws.*

Noble CHARLES T. MCCLENACHAN,
" WILLIAM B. MELISH,
" GEORGE F. LODER.

VI.—*Mileage and Pay of Representatives.*

Noble JOSEPH B. EAKINS,
" CHARLES H. HEYZER,
" CHARLES W. TORREY.

ABSENT OFFICERS AND MEMBERS.

The Grand Recorder submitted letters of regret for the necessity of their absence, which were received from—

Noble FRANK W. ANGEL,
" FRANK H. BASCOM,
" WILLIAM J. FLORENCE,
" JOHN H. GRAY,
" SAMUEL HARPER,
" AARON L. NORTHROP,
" CHARLES H. THOMSON,
" J. H. HOBART WARD.

CREDENTIALS OF ACTIVE MEMBERS.

On motion of Noble CHARLES T. MCCLENACHAN, it was—

Resolved, That the Committee on Jurisprudence and Laws, in accordance with the requirements of Section I. of the Statutes, determine as to the Credentials of Active Members which have been received by the Grand Recorder from the several Temples, and report thereon.

FINANCIAL ACCOUNTS OF M. ILL. GRAND POTENTATE.

The M. ILL. Grand Potentate presented the following report of his receipts and expenses for the year ending June 6, 1883:

To the Officers and Members of the Imperial Council for the United States of America:

NEW YORK, June 6, 1883.

Your Presiding Officer herewith submits the following report of his financial accounts during the past year:

EXPENSES AND RECEIPTS FROM JUNE 7, 1882, TO JUNE 6, 1883.

In account with WALTER M. FLEMING, *Dr.*

June 7, 1882. To balance due on account audited at Annual Session, this date.....\$437.79

To sundry expenses, stationery, postage, expressage, transportation, telegrams, and incidentals for year, viz.:

June, 1882	.....	\$2.60
July, "	.....	2.12
Aug., "	.....	1.48
Sept., "	.....	2.32
Oct., "	.....	2.11
Nov., "	.....	6.02
Dec., "	.....	.77
Jan., 1883	.....	1.40
Feb., "	.....	4.85
March, "	.....	1.80
April, "	.....	.70
May, "	.....	1.79
June, 1882.	Fees of Rev. A. Buchanan, paid to Grand Recorder,	5.00
Sept. 29, "	Fees for Rituals for Medinah Temple, paid do.,	10.00
Mar. 26, 1883.	Fees of Islam Temple, San Francisco, Dispensation and Dues, paid to Grand Recorder,	110.00
Total Disbursements,		\$590.75

In Account with WALTER M. FLEMING, *Cr.*

June 7, 1882.	Cash received from the Imperial Council,	\$320.00
June 26, "	Fees from Boston, by Noble J. B. Eakins,	54.00
" "	Ritual and Certificate to Rev A. Buchanan, of Moundsville, W. Va.,	5.00
June 27, "	Fee for Ritual (E. Adams),	5.00
Aug. 3, "	Dispensation fee, Aleppo Temple, Boston, less Ritual paid previously,	45.00
" "	Deputy Authority, H. E. Hosley, Boston,	10.00
" "	Ritual, " " "	5.00

Sept. 29, 1882.	Rituals for Medinah Temple, Chicago,	10.00
March 3, 1883.	Ritual to G. W. Haslett, Recorder, Pittsburgh, . . .	5.00
" 6, "	Dispensation, Deputy's Returns, etc., from Islam Temple, San Francisco,	110.00
May 14, "	Ritual, R. J. Walshe, Recorder, Chicago,	5.00
Total Receipts,		\$574.00

Expenditures,	\$590.75
Receipts,	574.00

Balance due, \$16.75

Respectfully submitted,

WALTER M. FLEMING,

M. I. Grand Potentate.

REFERENCE OF ACCOUNTS.

On motion of Noble WILLIAM FOWLER, it was—

Resolved, That the financial accounts of the M. I. Grand Potentate be referred to the Committee on Finance and Accounts.

REPORT OF ILL. GRAND TREASURER.

The Ill. Grand Treasurer submitted the following report :

NEW YORK, June 5, 1883.

To the Officers and Members of the Imperial Council :

Your Grand Treasurer respectfully submits that the large amount of expenditures required during the year having been borne by the M. I. Grand Potentate and Ill. Grand Recorder, who immediately liquidated a large number of accounts, it has been deemed inexpedient and unnecessary to transfer the finances to the custody of the Ill. Grand Treasurer while immediate requirement demanded the outlay of the same. Your Grand Treasurer, therefore, respectfully refers to the statements of the accounts.

With the hope for the increased prosperity of the Order, I am courteously yours,

A. L. NORTHROP,

Grand Treasurer.

REFERENCE OF GRAND TREASURER'S REPORT.

On motion of Noble JOSEPH M. LEVEY, it was—

Resolved, That the Report of the Ill. Grand Treasurer be received, and referred to the Committee on Finance and Accounts.

REPORT OF ILL. GRAND RECORDER.

The Ill. Grand Recorder presented the following Annual Report :

NEW YORK, June 6, 1883.

To the Officers and Members of the Imperial Council for the United States of America :

Your Grand Recorder respectfully submits the following Annual Report :

At the close of the last Annual Session there were :

No. of Active Members of the Imperial Council,	33
" " Past Active Members,	13
" " Deputies,	19
" " Temples chartered,	17

A number of reports from the subordinate Temples have been received, but not sufficient to give a complete account of the number of Nobles under the jurisdiction of this Imperial Council. It is hoped that all Temples and Deputies will make full reports hereafter, in order that the Grand Recorder may present a full list of those who have been created Nobles.

The Reports which have been received show the following recapitulation ; and the officers thereof are given at the end of the Proceedings :

Mecca Temple, New York, N. Y.

Membership in 1881,	270
Nobles created in 1882,	98
Affiliated,	1
Died, 3 ; dimitted, 4 ; total,	7
Total Members,	362

Al Koran Temple, Cleveland, Ohio.

Membership in 1881,	96
Nobles created in 1882,	15
Affiliated,	1
Died, 1 ; dimitted, 1 ; suspended, 2 ; total,	4
Total Members,	108

Cyprus Temple, Albany, N. Y.

Membership in 1881,	38
Nobles created in 1882,	6
Died,	1
Total Members,	43

Pyramid Temple, Davenport, Iowa.

Membership in 1881,	27
Nobles created in 1882,	none
Died,	2
Total Members,	25

Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. 23

Moslem Temple, Detroit, Mich.

Membership in 1881,	24
Nobles created in 1882,	88
Total Members,	112

Syrian Temple, Cincinnati, Ohio.

Members in 1881,	22
Nobles created in 1882,	68
Dimitted,	1
Total Members,	89

Pyramid Temple, Bridgeport, Conn.

Members in 1881,	16
Nobles created in 1882,	19
Affiliated,	1
Died,	2
Total Members,	34

Ziyara Temple, Utica, N. Y.

Members in 1881,	12
Died,	1
Total Members,	11

Mount Sinai Temple, Montpelier, Vt.

Members in 1881,	11
Nobles created in 1882,	13
Total Members,	24

Damascus Temple, Rochester N. Y.

Members in 1878,	154
Nobles created in 1879,	5
Died, 2 ; suspended, 9 ; total,	11
Total Members,	148

No Reports received for 1880, 1881, and 1882.

Syria Temple, Pittsburgh, Pa.

Members in 1881,	36
Nobles created in 1882,	7
Total Members,	43

Islam Temple, San Francisco, Cal.

Total Members,	15
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Medinah Temple, Chicago, Ill.

Total Members,	12
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*The Imperial Council.**Aleppo Temple, Boston, Mass.*

Total Members, 8

Oriental Temple, Troy, N. Y.

Members in 1881, 12
 Died, 1
 Total Members, 11

No Reports have been received for 1882 from—

*Damascus Temple, Rochester, N. Y.**Medina Temple, Atchison, Kansas.**Mohammed Temple, New Haven, Conn.*

RECEIPTS.

The Receipts to date are as follows :

July 23,	1881.	J. H. Gray, Deputy fee and Diploma.	\$7.00
Nov. 29,	1882.	Rev. A. Buchanan, Deputy's Ritual,	5.00
Oct. 30,	"	Medinah Temple, Chicago, Dispensation, 2 Rituals,	50.00
Oct. 30,	"	" " " 7 Initiations,	14.00
June-Jan.,	1883.	Pyramid Temple, Bridgeport, 13 Initiations,	26.00
Feb. 21,	"	Syria Temple, Pittsburgh, 25 Initiations	50.00
March 6,	"	Islam Temple, San Francisco, Dispensation,	50.00
" 6,	"	" " 12 Nobles created, by J. H. Gray,	60.00
May 19,	"	Medinah Temple, Chicago, Dues and 12 Initia- tions,	34.00
" 21,	"	Pyramid Temple, Davenport, Annual Dues,	10.00
" 21,	"	Mt. Sinai Temple, Montpelier, " "	10.00
" 25,	"	Syria Temple, Pittsburgh, Dues and 7 Initiations,	24.00
June 1,	"	Islam Temple, San Francisco, Dues and 7 Initia- tions,	24.00
" 1,	"	Pyramid Temple, Bridgeport, Annual Dues,	10.00
" 1,	"	Oriental Temple, Troy, " "	10.00
" 1,	"	Proceedings sold,	10.00
" 2,	"	Cyprus Temple, Albany, Dues and 2 Initiations,	14.00
" 6,	"	Damascus Temple, Rochester, Annual Dues,	10.00
" 6,	"	Moslem Temple, Detroit, Annual Dues,	20.00
" 6,	"	Syrian Temple, Dues, two years,	20.00
" 6,	"	" " Initiation Fees,	160.00
" 6,	"	Al Koran Temple, Cleveland, Annual Dues,	20.00
" 6,	"	" " " Initiation Fees,	130.00
" 6,	"	Mecca Temple, New York, Annual Dues,	40.00
" 6,	"	" " Initiation Fees, half year,	132.00
" 6,	"	" " Creating Noble of Easton, Pa.,	10.00
" 6,	"	Aleppo Temple, Boston, Annual Dues,	10.00

Total Receipts to date, \$960.00

Disbursements.

The following Disbursements have been made by the Grand Recorder to date, including the payments at this Session, as provided hereafter :

June 29, 1882,	Arabic for History, etc.,	\$32.40
" 30, "	Engravings, etc.,	20.30
" 30, "	500 Histories, electrotyping, binding, etc., . . .	57.90
" " "	Boxes,	3.00
Nov. 18, "	500 Diplomas, Bierstadt & Co.,	150.00
March 15, 1883.	Printing, boxing, etc.,	30.50
April 10, "	500 Statutes and Regulations, etc.,	116 00
" " "	Engravings, boxes, etc.,	11.00
May 7, "	Envelopes, printing,	5.50
" " "	100 Notices to Temples, etc.,	3.00
" " "	500 Notices for Imperial Council,	11.50
" 10, "	250 Notices, on Returns,	9.00
" 15, "	250 Credentials,	8.00
" 16, "	100 " Alterations,	5.50
" 27, "	Notice on Abd-el-Kader, and papers,	16.00
" 31, "	500 Proceedings of 1882,	183.70
" 31, "	250 Annual Address,	31.00
	Stationery, etc.,	11.00
	Seals,	3.00
	Postage to date,	16.25
June 6, 1883.	Allowed to Syrian Temple, for amount paid to- ward Ritual expense,	30.00
" " "	Allowed to Al Koran Temple, for amount paid toward Ritual expense,	30.00
" " "	Balance due M. I. Grand Potentate,	16.79
" " "	Paid to S. W. Swift, Gr. Assist. Guard,	5.00
" " "	Paid to Noble A. L. Rawson, Correspondence, etc.,	25.00
	Total,	\$831.34
	Balance due June 7, 1882,	41.38
	Total disbursements to date,	\$872.72
	Total receipts for 1883,	\$960.00
	Total disbursements for 1883,	872.72
	Balance due to Imperial Council,	\$87.28

Courteously submitted,

WILLIAM S. PATERSON,

Grand Recorder.

*The Imperial Council.**History of the Order.*

The Grand Recorder has the pleasure of announcing that the "Origin and History" of the Order has been issued, and was compiled and translated from original sources by Noble ALBERT L. RAWSON. It presents to the Nobles of the Order much that is unfamiliar to the Western Hemisphere, and places all within the reach of authentic information respecting Oriental matters that is almost unattainable.

Statutes and Regulations.

The "Statutes and Regulations" of the Order have also been issued in a compendious form, and the book has now been in the hands of the Nobles for nearly a year. The Forty-two Sections of these Statutes impress us as did the decisions of the Forty-two Judges in the Temple of the Truths of the Ancient Egyptians, in whose hallowed land arose the beautiful Ceremonies of our Order. The History is incorporated with the Statutes, and the book gives a complete view of the Order so far as may be published to the world.

REFERENCE OF ILL. GRAND RECORDER'S REPORT.

On motion of Noble WILLIAM FOWLER, it was—

Resolved, That the Annual Report of the Ill. Grand Recorder be received, and referred to the Committee on Finance and Accounts.

TRIENNIAL ELECTION.

The M. I. Grand Potentate announced that the Triennial Election would be proceeded with, and called for the Report on the Credentials of those who had been elected to serve as Active Members, in accordance with Section I. of the Statutes.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON JURISPRUDENCE AND LAWS.

The Committee on Jurisprudence and Laws presented the following Report on Credentials of Active Members:

Credentials.

The Committee on Jurisprudence and Laws have given careful consideration to the various Credentials of the different Temples which have been transmitted to the Ill. Grand Recorder, and recommend the approval of the following Representatives, as given in these Credentials:

Aleppo Temple, Boston.

Nobles HENRY E. HOSLEY, JOSEPH R. GROSE, and MANSON SEAVY.

Al Koran Temple, Cleveland.

Nobles SAM BRIGGS and RICHARD P. MARVIN, Jr.

Damascus Temple, Rochester.

Nobles GEORGE F. LODER and WILLIAM H. WHITING.

Mecca Temple, New York.

Nobles WALTER M. FLEMING and WILLIAM S. PATERSON.

Medinah Temple, Chicago.

Nobles VINCENT L. HURLBUT, MARVIN E. SMITH, and EDWARD A. BLAKE.

Moslem Temple, Detroit.

Nobles D. BURNHAM TRACY, OZIAS W. SHIPMAN, and
BENJAMIN F. HAXTON.

Mount Sinai Temple, Montpelier.

Nobles GEORGE OTIS TYLER, FRANKLIN H. BASCOM, and
GEORGE W. WING.

Pyramid Temple, Bridgeport.

Nobles JULIUS W. KNOWLTON, CIVILIAN FONES, and
ARTHUR R. BLAKESLEE.

Pyramid Temple, Davenport.

Nobles FRANK W. ANGEL, JARVIS WHITE, and HENRY CARSE.

Syria Temple, Pittsburgh.

Nobles SAMUEL HARPER, THOMAS T. WIGHTMAN, and
GEORGE P. BALMAIN.

Syrian Temple, Cincinnati.

Nobles WILLIAM B. MELISH and CHARLES H. FLACH.

Ziyara Temple, Utica.

Nobles THOMAS JAY GRIFFITHS and CHARLES E. BARNARD.

Cyprus Temple, Albany.

Your Committee find that Cyprus Temple, of Albany, is in arrears to the Imperial Council to a large amount, and has not done any work, nor shows any intention of so doing. Your Committee believe the nominations made for Active Membership are detrimental to the best interests of the Order, and respectfully decline to pass upon their Credentials.

Number of Active Members.

Your Committee has also been requested to give the full number of Active Members allowed according to Section 1. of the Statutes, and therefore state that at the present time the United States consist of thirty-

eight States, ten Territories, and one District, making the total number forty-nine, which number the Imperial Council cannot at present exceed.

In order also to facilitate the election of Active Members, and to give a more equitable representation of the number of members contained in some of the Temples, according to the suggestion of the M. V. H. Grand Potentate in his Address, your Committee recommend that Temples be allowed, in addition to the chosen Representatives, one Active Member for every one hundred members in good standing on their Rolls.

Grade of Emeritus.

Your Committee observe that the present election will probably not include some of those who have been most active in the counsels of this Imperial Body since its formation, and they therefore recommend that the grade of Emeritus be established, to which eminent Nobles of this Order having served in this Imperial Council may be elected, to take rank as Associate Members.

Delinquent Temples and Deputies.

Your Committee have given some consideration to the subject of delinquencies, so perspicuously set forth in the Annual Address, and deem it proper that this matter be referred to the Directory to be elected at this Session, who have the requisite power to deal with them, as contained in Section VII. of the Statutes.

Courteously submitted,

CHARLES T. McCLENACHAN,
WILLIAM B. MELISH,
GEORGE F. LODER,

Committee.

On motion of Noble JOSEPH B. EAKINS, the report of the Committee on Jurisprudence and Laws was received, and the recommendations were adopted.

CREDENTIALS OF CYPRUS TEMPLE.

On motion of Noble WILLIAM B. MELISH, it was—

Resolved, That the Credentials of Cyprus Temple be received, with the substitution thereon of the names of Nobles ERASMUS D. JONES and WILLIAM E. FITCH, and that Cyprus Temple be allowed further time to proceed with their work, and arrange their accounts with the Imperial Council.

ORGANIZATION OF ACTIVE MEMBERS.

The following Representatives were present and accredited by their Credentials, and, there being more than the requisite quorum, they thereupon proceeded to organize the Active Membership of the Imperial Council for the ensuing Triennial Term:

NOBLE ARTHUR R. BLAKESLEE.....	of Pyramid Temple.
" SAM BRIGGS.....	Al Koran "
" WILLIAM E. FITCH.....	Cyprus "
" CHARLES H. FLACH.....	Syrian "
" WALTER M. FLEMING.....	Mecca "
" GEORGE F. LODER.....	Damascus "
" WILLIAM B. MELISH.....	Syrian "
" WILLIAM S. PATERSON.....	Mecca "
" D. BURNHAM TRACY.....	Moslem "
" WILLIAM H. WHITING.....	Damascus "

PRESIDING OFFICER.

On motion, Noble CHARLES T. McCLENACHAN was invited to preside during the organization, and Noble WILLIAM S. PATERSON to act as Recorder.

TELLERS.

The Presiding Officer appointed at Tellers :
Nobles GEORGE W. MILLAR and CHARLES H. FLACH.

ELECTIONS.

By regular nominations and due ballot the Active Members proceeded to fill the Active Membership to the number of forty-nine, when the following Nobles were duly elected :

NOBLE ANGEL, FRANK W. (Iowa).....	of Pyramid Temple.
" ANTHONY, JESSE B.....	Oriental "
" BALMAIN, GEORGE P.....	Syria "
" BARNARD, CHARLES E.....	Ziyara "
" BARNES, WILLIAM H. L.....	Islam "
" BASCOM, FRANKLIN H.....	Mount Sinai "
" BLAKE, EDWARD A.....	Medinah "
" CARSE, HENRY.....	Syrian "
" CARTER, SAMUEL R.....	Damascus "
" COLLINS, JAMES A.....	Syrian "
" EAKINS, JOSEPH B.....	Mecca "
" EHLERS, EDWARD M. L.....	Mecca "
" FONES, CIVILIAN (Conn.).....	Pyramid "
" GRAY, JOHN H.....	Islam "
" GRIFFITHS, THOMAS J.....	Ziyara "
" GROSE, JOSEPH R.....	Aleppo "
" HARPER, SAMUEL.....	Syria "
" HASLEHURST, THEODORE E.....	Oriental "
" HAXTON, BENJAMIN F.....	Moslem "
" HEYZER, CHARLES H.....	Mecca "
" HOSLEY, HENRY E.....	Aleppo "
" HURBARD, HORACE W.....	Al Koran "
" HURLBUT, VINCENT L.....	Medinah "
" JONES, ERASMUS D.....	Cyprus "
" KNOWLTON, JULIUS W. (Conn.).....	Pyramid "
" LEVEY, JOSEPH M.....	Mecca "
" MARVIN, RICHARD P., JR.....	Al Koran "
" MCCURDY, HUGH.....	Moslem "

The Imperial Council.

NOBLE MCGEE, JAMES.....	Mecca Temple.
“ MILLAR, GEORGE W.....	Mecca “
“ SEAVY, MANSON.....	Aleppo “
“ SHIPMAN, OZIAS W.....	Moslem “
“ SHRYOCK, THOMAS J.....	Baltimore.
“ SMITH, MARVIN E.....	Medinah “
“ TORREY, CHARLES W.....	Mecca “
“ TYLER, GEORGE O.....	Mount Sinai “
“ WHITE, JARVIS (Iowa).....	Pyramid “
“ WIGHTMAN, THOMAS T.....	Syria “
“ WING, GEORGE W.....	Mount Sinai “

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

The Election of Officers was then declared in order, who shall serve for the ensuing three years.

By regular ballot, the following were duly elected Officers of the Imperial Council :

WALTER M. FLEMING.....	M. I. GRAND POTENTATE.
SAM BRIGGS.....	DEPUTY GRAND POTENTATE.
WILLIAM B. MELISH.....	GRAND CHIEF RABBAN.
D. BURNHAM TRACY.....	GRAND ASSISTANT RABBAN.
WILLIAM H. WHITING.....	GRAND HIGH PRIEST AND PROPHET.
JAMES MCGEE.....	GRAND ORIENTAL GUIDE.
JOSEPH M. LEVEY.....	GRAND TREASURER.
WILLIAM S. PATERSON.....	GRAND RECORDER.
JULIUS W. KNOWLTON.....	GRAND FIRST CEREMONIAL MASTER.
CHARLES H. FLACH.....	GRAND SECOND CEREMONIAL MASTER.
WILLIAM E. FITCH.....	GRAND MARSHAL.
THOMAS J. SHRYOCK.....	GRAND CAPTAIN OF THE GUARD.
HUGH MCCURDY.....	GRAND OUTER GUARD.

GRAND ASSISTANT GUARD.

On motion of Noble JAMES MCGEE, the M. I. Grand Potentate appointed as Grand Assistant Guard of the Imperial Council,

NOBLE STEPHEN W. SWIFT.....	New York.
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DIRECTORY OF THE IMPERIAL COUNCIL.

The Imperial Council proceeded to the election of the Directory, when the following were duly elected for the ensuing three years :

NOBLE JOSEPH B. EAKINS.....	New York, N. Y.
“ SAM BRIGGS.....	Cleveland, Ohio.
“ GEORGE W. MILLAR.....	New York, N. Y.

EMERITI MEMBERS.

In accordance with the recommendation of the Committee on Jurisprudence and Laws, the following Illustrious Nobles were elected to the grade of Emeritus for eminent service in the Order :

NOBLE WILLIAM J. FLORENCE.....	New York, N. Y.
“ CHARLES T. MCLENACHAN.....	New York, N. Y.
“ ALBERT L. RAWSON.....	New York, N. Y.

DEPUTIES.

In accordance with Section XX. of the Statutes and Regulations, the following Nobles were duly elected Deputies of the Imperial Council for the ensuing three years :

NOBLE ANGEL, FRANK W.....	Davenport, Iowa.
" BARNARD, ANTHONY W.....	Butte, Montana.
" BASCOM, FRANKLIN H.....	Montpelier, Vt.
" BIRRELL, GEORGE S.....	London, Canada.
" BORDEN, JEROME B.....	New Brunswick, N. J.
" BRIGGS, SAM.....	Cleveland, Ohio.
" FISK, CHARLES H.....	Covington, Ky.
" FLORENCE, WILLIAM J. (At Large)....	New York, N. Y.
" GRAY, JOHN H.....	San Francisco, Cal.
" HARPER, SAMUEL.....	Pittsburgh, Pa.
" HOSLEY, HENRY E.....	South Boston, Mass.
" MELISH, WILLIAM B.....	Cincinnati, Ohio.
" MEYER, CHARLES E.....	Philadelphia, Pa.
" PETERS, AUGUSTUS W.....	Brooklyn, N. Y.
" SCOTT, GEORGE.....	Paterson, N. J.
" SHRYOCK, THOMAS J.....	Baltimore, Md.
" STIRLING, HUGH.....	Bridgeport, Conn.
" TOBEY, EDGAR P.....	Chicago, Ill.
" TORREY, CHARLES W.....	New York, N. Y.
" TRACY, D. BURNHAM.....	Detroit, Mich.

REPRESENTATIVES OF THE TEMPLES IN THE EAST.

To represent the Order in the East the following Nobles were duly elected Representatives of the Temples in the East :

NOBLE WILLIAM J. FLORENCE.....	New York, N. Y.
" ALBERT L. RAWSON.....	New York, N. Y.

ASSOCIATE MEMBERS.

To preserve the early associations of the inception of the Order, the following Nobles who have served this Imperial Council at various times were directed to be placed on record as Associate Members, being Past Active Members of the Imperial Council, and having the rank of Past Grand Potentates :

NOBLE ATWOOD, EDWARD W.....	Bridgeport, Conn.
" BABCOCK, BRENTON D.....	Cleveland, Ohio.
" BALL, DAYTON.....	Albany, N. Y.
" COLLINS, JOHN F.....	New York, N. Y.
" COX, EDWARD B.....	Troy, N. Y.
" DICKERMAN, JOHN S.....	Albany, N. Y.
" FOWLER, WILLIAM.....	New York, N. Y.
" GOODALL, ALBERT G.....	New York, N. Y.
" HURLBURT, FRAZIER W.....	Utica, N. Y.
" LENHART, PHILIP F.....	Brooklyn, N. Y.
" MORIARTY, ALBERT P.....	New York, N. Y.
" NORTHROP, AARON L.....	New York, N. Y.
" PAIGE, CLINTON F.....	Binghamton, N. Y.

NOBLE RAMSAY, ROBERT.....	Orillia, Canada.
“ ROOME, CHARLES.	New York, N. Y.
“ SCOTT, GEORGE.....	Paterson, N. J.
“ SHERWOOD, BENSEN.....	New York, N. Y.
“ SICKELS, DANIEL.....	New York, N. Y.
“ SIMONS, JOHN W.....	New York, N. Y.
“ STETTINIUS, JOHN L.....	Cincinnati, Ohio.
“ TEN EYCK, JAMES H.....	Albany, N. Y.
“ THOMSON, CHARLES H.....	Corning, N. Y.
“ VICK, FRANK H.....	Rochester, N. Y.
“ WATERMAN, ROBERT H.....	Albany, N. Y.
“ WARD, J. H. HOBART.....	New York, N. Y.
“ WILLIAMS, JOHN D.....	Elmira, N. Y.

INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS.

Noble CHARLES T. McCLENACHAN appointed Noble CHARLES H. HEYZER Grand Marshal, and proceeded with the Installation Ceremonies of the officers in full form, and administered the following—

VOW OF OFFICE.

“ I (name in full) do solemnly promise and vow that I will faithfully, and to the best of my ability, discharge the duties of the office to which I have been elected, and that I will strictly conform to the requirements of the Statutes, Regulations, and Edicts of the Imperial Council for the United States of America.”

THANKS TENDERED.

On motion of Noble SAM BRIGGS, it was—

Resolved, That a vote of thanks be tendered to Nobles GEORGE W. MILLAR and CHARLES H. FLACH for their arduous duties as Tellers, and to Nobles CHARLES T. McCLENACHAN and CHARLES H. HEYZER for their excellent exemplification of the Installation Ceremonies.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ADDRESS.

The Special Committee on the Annual Address presented the following report :

Your Committee, to whom was referred the Annual Address of the M. : L. : Grand Potentate, beg leave to report as follows :

1. That the revised Statutes and Regulations be submitted for the approval of the Imperial Council at this Session.

2. That the portion of the Address alluding to the fraternal dead be referred to a special committee of three.

3. That the portion of the Address recommending the number of Active Members of the Imperial Council be referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence and Laws.

4. That Reports of Deputies be referred to the action of the new Directory, recommending that a circular letter be addressed to each delinquent Deputy.

Courteously submitted,

SAM BRIGGS,
D. BURNHAM TRACY,
GEORGE W. MILLAR,
Committee.

On motion of Noble THOMAS J. SHRYOCK, the report of the Committee on Address was received, the Committee discharged, with the thanks of the Imperial Council, and the subjects ordered to be referred as recommended.

STATUTES AND REGULATIONS APPROVED.

On motion of Noble WILLIAM E. FITCH, it was—

Resolved, That the Statutes and Regulations as now presented to the Order in the published work issued during the past year be, and they are hereby, approved.

HISTORY OF THE ORDER.

On motion of Noble CHARLES W. TORREY, it was—

Resolved, That the "Origin and History" of the Order, as published by the Ill. Grand Recorder, be, and it is hereby, approved.

MEMORIAL COMMITTEE.

The Ill. Grand Potentate appointed as Committee on Memorial to the Deceased:

Nobles ALBERT L. RAWSON,
" WILLIAM J. FLORENCE,
" WILLIAM S. PATERSON.

REPORT OF THE DIRECTORY.

Noble CHARLES T. MCCLENACHAN, for the Directory of the Imperial Council for the past year, tendered the following report:

Your Directory have now been in existence for a little over a year, and have had the pleasure of ascertaining more fully the ramifications of the Order in the United States, of becoming acquainted with the Officers of the various Temples, and of the Imperial Council residing at a distance, and of making themselves more familiar with the necessities and the requirements of the peculiar institution to which it is attached.

This pleasure has already borne enjoyment in the great fraternal intercourse between the members of all the Temples, by cavalcades from one

Temple to another, and by escorting to remote points the Imperial Officers that they may exemplify the ceremonies where it is difficult to behold them in their best presentation, as instanced in the pilgrimages to Detroit and Cincinnati, which brought together large numbers of Nobles in the West, and infused them with greater enthusiasm for the brilliant festivals of the Orientals.

This experience has given the Directory much light on important points, which, by the continuance of one of those who now compose it, will redound to the benefit of the Imperial Council and to the subordinate Temples, and great results are confidently predicted through the selection of the Nobles whom it has been your good fortune to secure to bear the burden of the labors of your well taxed officers.

It has not been found necessary to undertake any reforms or to press any delinquencies during the past year, and it has not been thought proper to do more than suggest mild measures in a few cases, the wisdom of which is evident in the increased prosperity of the Order as shown by the Reports of your Officers for the past year, giving innumerable prognostics of benefit to all who belong to the Order.

Courteously submitted,

CHARLES T. McCLENACHAN,

For Directory.

On motion of Noble GEORGE W. MILLAR, the report was received, and ordered to be spread in full in the Proceedings.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON DISPENSATIONS AND CHARTERS.

The Committee on Dispensations and Charters presented the following report:

The Committee on Dispensations and Charters having considered the work and standing of the three Temples which received Dispensations during the year, offer the following Resolution for adoption:

Resolved, That charters be issued to

ISLAM TEMPLE, of San Francisco,

MEDINAH TEMPLE, of Chicago, and

ALEPPO TEMPLE, of Boston,

bearing date of this Annual Session.

Courteously submitted,

CHARLES W. TORREY,

WILLIAM FOWLER,

WILLIAM B. MELISH,

Committee.

On motion the report was received, and the Resolution adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON GRIEVANCES AND APPEALS.

The Committee on Grievances and Appeals presented the following report:

The Committee on Grievances and Appeals have the pleasure of reporting that the harmonious condition of the Order, which has prevailed during the year, requires no action on their part, and they commend the component and individual elements of the Order to increased activity in this direction.

Courteously submitted,
GEORGE W. MILLAR,
CHARLES W. TORREY,

Committee.

On motion, the report was received and ordered on file.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON MILEAGE, ETC.

The Committee on Mileage, etc., presented the following report:

The Committee on Mileage and Pay of Representatives deem it injudicious, at the present time, to offer any legislation on the financial subjects involved in their duties, as the interests of those who are devoted to the Order have thus far been sufficient inducement for them to appear at our Annual Session.

Courteously submitted,
JOSEPH B. EAKINS,
CHARLES H. HEYZER,
CHARLES W. TORREY,

Committee.

On motion, the report was received and ordered on file.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON TRANSACTIONS OF GRAND OFFICERS.

The Committee on Transactions of Grand Officers presented the following report:

The Committee on Transactions of Grand Officers have during the past year observed that there is an *entente cordiale* which has brought all the officers of the Imperial Council into closer relations, and with pride they feel it a privilege to report that their actions and devotion to duty have merited the approbation of the Order at large, who have placed their interests in the hands of such faithful stewards. The position now attained by the Order has been reached through the untiring guidance and careful attention which these devoted Officers have given to the work in hand, and their efforts have been largely rewarded by receiving the evidence of the unbounded love of the Nobles on all occasions.

Courteously submitted,
CHARLES T. MCCLENACHAN,
D. BURNHAM TRACY,
WILLIAM H. WHITING,

Committee.

On motion, the report was received, and ordered on file.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FINANCE AND ACCOUNTS.

The Committee on Finance and Accounts presented the following report :

The Committee on Finance and Accounts respectfully present the following report :

They have carefully examined the financial reports of the M. : I. : Grand Potentate, the Grand Treasurer, and the Grand Recorder, together with the accompanying vouchers and bills, and find them correct.

They find that there is due to the M. : I. : Grand Potentate a balance of the sum of \$16.75, and they recommend that a warrant be drawn on the Treasurer for the balance due him.

Your Committee recommend that a warrant for twenty-five dollars be drawn in favor of Noble A. L. Rawson for correspondence, etc.

Your Committee also recommend that a warrant for five dollars be drawn in favor of the Ill. : Grand Assistant Guard for his services during this Annual Session.

Your Committee also recommend that the sum of thirty dollars be deducted from the dues of subordinate Temples on presentation of their receipts for such sum heretofore subscribed to assist in the production of the Oriental Ritual.

Your Committee find that on balancing the receipts and disbursements, during the year and at this Annual Session, with the recommendations made above, there will remain to the credit of the Imperial Council a balance of eighty-seven dollars and twenty-eight cents, which is believed to show that a steady increase of revenues will hereafter be assured.

Courteously submitted,

CHARLES H. HEYZER,
WILLIAM H. WHITING,
GEORGE F. LODER,

Committee.

On motion, the report was received, the several recommendations were adopted, and warrants ordered to be drawn for the amounts therein mentioned.

SALARY OF THE ILL. : GRAND RECORDER.

On motion of Noble JOSEPH B. EAKINS, it was—

Resolved, That the salary of the Ill. : Grand Recorder be one hundred dollars per annum.

On motion of Noble CHARLES W. TORREY, it was—

Resolved, That the salary for the year ending June 7, 1892, be one hundred dollars, and that the previous resolution take effect after that date.

On motion of Noble CHARLES W. TORREY, it was—

Resolved, That warrants be drawn on the Ill. : Grand Treasurer for the salary due the Ill. : Grand Recorder, under the Resolutions just adopted.

DIPLOMAS.

Noble D. BURNHAM TRACY brought up the subject relative to receiving Diplomas for Moslem Temple, when—

On motion of Noble CHARLES W. TORREY, it was—

Ordered, That the whole matter be referred to the Directory, with power.

PRESENTATION OF RESOLUTIONS.

The M. : I. : GRAND POTENTATE called before the Shrine Noble JOSEPH B. EAKINS, and in most eloquent language gave a history of the successful career of Mecca Temple, while under the immediate charge as its Director of the Noble who now stood before the Congress of the Imperial Council. He also recounted the sacrifices of time and unwearied zeal of the Director, and the large accession of membership due to his influence. As the Grand Potentate of Mecca Temple, the speaker had the pleasure of presenting an elegantly engrossed set of Resolutions, handsomely framed, as a slight token of the appreciation of the members of Mecca Temple to their Director, and with it tendered the cordial expressions of the unbounded love borne by every Noble of that Temple for one who had endeared himself to all with whom he came in contact.

The Resolutions were received by Noble JOSEPH B. EAKINS with an eloquent response, and with an humble deprecation of his services compared with the large and generous assistance which he had received at all times from the officers and members of Mecca Temple.

The Resolutions were beautifully engrossed, and were the artistic conception and execution of Noble Benjamin F. Brady, of New York city, and a member of Mecca Temple.

PUBLICATION OF PROCEEDINGS.

On motion of Noble SAM BRIGGS, it was—

Resolved, That five hundred copies of the Proceedings of this Annual Session be printed, under the direction of the M. : Ill. : Grand Potentate, with full power.

THE DECEASED.

The Committee on the Deceased presented the following report :

The Special Committee appointed by the M. : Ill. : Grand Potentate to prepare the memorial to the Illustrious Abd-el-Kader, have found that the history which was presented to Mecca Temple by the M. : Ill. : Grand Potentate at its last session is so full and minute in respect to the life and labor of the deceased, that it merits a place in the Proceedings of this Imperial Council, and will be found in the accompanying documents.

Courteously submitted,

ALBERT L. RAWSON,
WILLIAM S. PATERSON,
Committee.

On motion, the report was received, the Committee discharged, and the Memorial ordered to be published in the Annual Proceedings.

MEMORIAL CEREMONIES.

The rooms were deeply draped in mourning, the Shrine with the symbolic Kiswet was emblazoned with the name of the illustrious deceased on the symbolical funereal urn, and all jewels and insignia were covered with mourning. The full ceremonies for the death of illustrious ABD-EL-KADER had been given in Mecca Temple, on May 31, 1883, of which descriptive accounts were published in the journals of the day.

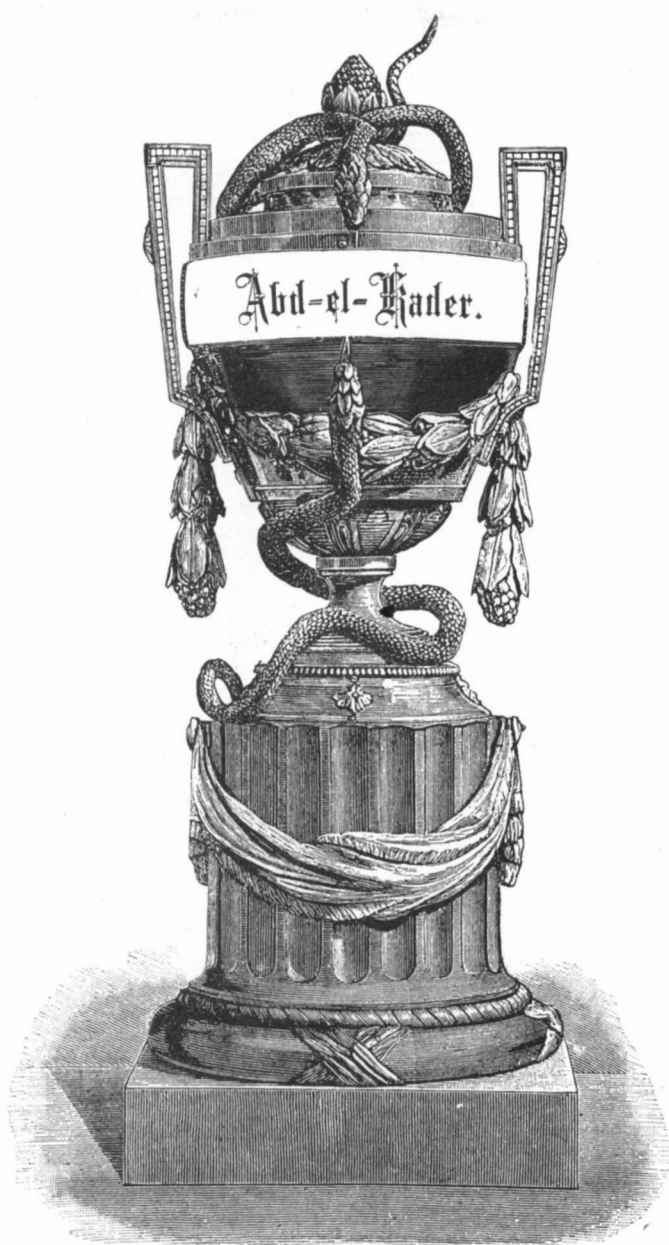
The following extracts appeared in the New York *Sun* :

MOURNING FOR ABD-EL-KADER.

"Abd-el-Kader's death in Damascus on Saturday was mourned in its Al-Beyt Ullahi'l Haram, Masonic Temple, by the American branch of the Ancient Arabic Order of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine last night. The mourners included Dr. W. M. Fleming and Grand Potentates, Rabbans, and Shareefs from various temples in the East and West. The mourners wore a full Arabic costume of fine and elaborately decorated silks. Gold crescents glistened on their turbans, and tiger claws bound together in the form of crescents, Sphinx heads, golden suns, stars, pyramids, and Egyptian obelisks were displayed. The High Priest stood on a throne, and conducted the memorial rites. Banners bearing inscriptions in Arabic stood behind the High Priest. In front of the throne was a black velvet coffin containing a bleached skeleton, typifying death. A letter written on parchment by Abd-el-Kader, a golden helmet, and emblems of the Order rested upon the coffin. An altar draped in mourning was in the middle of the chamber. A symbolical urn exhaled incense during the ceremonies. Two scimeters were crossed at the base of the urn on one end of the altar, and a copy of the Koran in Arabic was upon the other end, with glittering scimeters crossed upon it. A large tomb, the sides of which were covered with hieroglyphics, stood at the end of the chamber, and two masked and turbaned Rabbans, glittering with mystic emblems, sat in front of the tomb, before which rose a banner bearing the words, *Es selamu aleikum*, or 'Peace be with you.'"

"It was not generally known that ABD-EL-KADER's death at Damascus would cause mourning among Americans. It has, however, affected about 500 citizens of New York and about 5,000 residents of the United States who are members of the 'Ancient Arabic Order of the Nobles of the Mystic Shrine for the United States of America.'"

The following documents were transmitted to the Committee on the Deceased by the M. I. Grand Potentate, who had proclaimed them during the ceremonies held in Mecca Temple, on May 31, 1883 :



ABD-EL-KADER.

On Saturday, May 26, 1883, a cable dispatch from Constantinople, Turkey, announced the death on that day of the Ill.^l. Noble EL-HADJI ABD-EL-KADER, Grand Potentate of the Temple Saladin, Damascus, Syria. Upon receipt of this information it was deemed important by the Official Directory of the Imperial Council of the Shrine to publish the following notice, which was done :

NOBILITY OF THE MYSTIC SHRINE.

Proclamation emanating from the Congress, Imperial Council, Ancient Arabic Order, Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, United States of America :

To all Illustrious Potentates, Rabbans, and Noble Shareefs throughout the jurisdiction of the Western Hemisphere.

AFFLICTION—DISTRESS—SORROW.

Illustrious Noble EL-HADJI ABD-EL-KADER, Grand Sheik of Alee Temple, Mecca, Arabia, under the domain of the Crescent, is dead. This renowned Shareef of the Order Bektasheeyeh, or Mystic Shrine, of the Abd-el-Kader el-Bagdadeeyeh, Grand Potentate of Temple Saladin, Damascus, is officially announced departed to the Unseen Temple. You are hereby commanded, imperial and subordinate, for the full term of the next three crescent moons after this mandate, within the mystic sanctuaries of the Shrine, in accordance with the ancient Oriental custom, to drape your altars and tombs with the insignia of mourning, and let the symbolic funeral urn be placed upon the sacred black stone, there to exhale incense during all ceremonials, and inscribe upon your Temple Records notice of the same. Executive action will also be taken at the annual session of the Imperial Council on June 6, 1883, at Masonic Temple, city of New York. In obedience to supreme decree.

WALTER M. FLEMING, 33°, *Imperial Potentate.*

WILLIAM S. PATERSON, 33°, *Imperial Recorder.*

Copies of this notice were at once forwarded to each and every Temple of the Shrine in our jurisdiction, and the requirements of the mandate expected to be complied with, in obedience to which Mecca Temple appears now in the required garb of mourning.

I will state as a matter of information to those who are uninformed, that by reference to Syrian history the lineage, birth, life, fame, and remarkable career of this great Sheik will be found largely portrayed. I also respectfully refer to the printed Proceedings of the last Annual Session of our Imperial Council, for a correspondence with this renowned Shareef.

I herewith submit a brief review of his origin, and history of his famous career. His connection with Masonry and its allies, the Bektasheeyeh, or Mystic Shrine, and its coadjuvants or branches, named after the founders and rulers of each, among the most noted and interesting at this time being the branch named after this great Arab Sheik, "The Abd-el-Kader el Bagdadeeyeh" and the sister Temples—Darkaweeyeh, Kowaneeyeh, and Eesaweeyeh. For details, reference is made to our "Origin and History" of the Order.

HISTORY OF EL HADJI ABD-EL KADER ULID MAHIDDIN.

ABD-EL KADER was an Arab emir in Algeria. He was born near Mascara, Algiers, in 1807, and was descended from an ancient family of Marabouts, son of Mahiddin, an emir of great power and influence, who, being suspected, under secret alliance, of plotting the subversion of Turkish rule, was compelled to retire with his son to Cairo, Egypt, in 1827. Some authorities trace his lineage directly from the Prophet.

When ABD-EL KADER returned from this exile, Algiers had been captured by the French. This young emir being a man of most remarkable powers and accomplishments, and of the greatest bravery, he soon became the chief and leader of his countrymen, and through the Order Baktasheeyeh, or Mystic Shrine, speedily organized a system of resistance to the invaders, at the head of his own tribes.

The French Commandant of Oran made an attack at his stronghold at Tlemcen, in 1832, and was defeated. The subsequent attacks of ABD-EL KADER and his followers upon the French were conducted with such skill and bravery that the Arabs proclaimed him the Chief of the Believers, and France acknowledged his sway over the tribes west of the Shelliff. They became alarmed by his growing power in this secret organization of the Shrine, then designated "the Bektashee Abd-el Kader el-Bagdadeeyeh," and again commenced hostilities. The French forces in their march upon Mascara were surprised and utterly defeated by ABD-EL KADER in the defile of Muley Ismail. In January, 1836, the French succeeded in destroying Mascara and capturing Tlemcen, establishing a garrison. But they were at once obliged to make a disastrous retreat to Oran. ABD-EL KADER was, however, defeated July 7, 1836, and concluded to make peace with the French, and was himself confirmed as Emir of Oran, Titteri, and a portion of Algiers; but not content, he renewed the war in 1839. After desperate conflict he was defeated, and in 1842 took refuge in Morocco, where the Emperor, being one of the same secret alliance, aided him against the French. But the Moorish ruler was defeated at Isly August 14, 1844, and suffered many subsequent disastrous defeats. ABD-EL KADER was finally captured and sent to Paris in 1848.

Although the condition of his surrender was that he should be sent to Egypt or St. Jean d'Acre, he was detained in France, until released by

Louis Napoleon in 1852, with a pension of one hundred thousand francs, on condition that he should not return to Algeria, nor take up arms against the French. He went to Broussa, Asia Minor, which place being destroyed by an earthquake in 1855, he removed to Constantinople. He subsequently took up his residence in Damascus, where he distinguished himself by generously aiding the Christians with the Shrine during the sanguinary riots in the summer of 1860.

In 1864, he went to Egypt, where he was presented with a tract of land by M. De Lesseps, projector of the Suez Canal.

During this sojourn (through the fact that, by the powers of the Bek-tashee, or Shrine, over which he ruled as Grand Sheik, by his aid to the Christians in 1860) he was honored by being made a Freemason of high grade.

He was the father of twenty-four children, most of whom are deceased. One of his daughters has become a convert to Christianity.

Abd-el-Kader is the author of a book of Philosophico-Religious meditation, written in Arabic, while in exile. He was altogether a most remarkable man, noble and generous in character, and an uncompromising enemy to fanaticism and intolerance. He *twice* made the pilgrimage to Mecca, the first being made at the age of eight years. He was Grand Sheik of the Parent Alee Temple at Mecca, as also of the Temple Saladin, Damascus.

In recognition of the exalted station of this deceased noble Sheik, as one of the greatest Representatives of our Order, together with his connection with the Masonic Fraternity, I respectfully submit these historical facts, to be inscribed upon our Records, and recommend that a memorial page be set apart to the honor of his fair fame.

Respectfully submitted,

WALTER M. FLEMING,

Grand Potentate.

FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE.

THE MYSTIC SHRINE IN PERSIA.

The following document was transmitted to the Imperial Council at this Session, and was received and ordered to be printed with the Proceedings:

To the Imperial Council for the United States of America:

I have the pleasure of laying before your August Body the following extract from an article on Persia, written for the Schaff-Herzog Encyclopædia of Religious Knowledge, by Rev. P. Z. EASTON, resident missionary at Tabreez, Persia:

"The whole trend of the Mohammedan world, nay, we may say, of the Oriental world, is in the direction of this pantheistic dervish system. The pressure of the European powers, of Christianity, and the reaction against the secularization of the official heads of Mohammedanism, all contribute greatly to strengthen dervish Mohammedanism. New orders have sprung up; old orders have been strengthened. The present Sultan might almost be called a dervish, surrounded by dervish counsellors, having, as his aim, to propagate dervish principles. The doctrine of the Mahdi, or guide, is a dervish doctrine. The impending change in the seat of the caliphate cannot fail to help the movement; and if, as seems not unlikely, Bagdad be the new centre, that is the very centre of the dervish world, its 'City of Saints.' Already there have been, within the present century, three marked manifestations of this religious system—Muridism or Shamylism in the Caucasus, the Brahmo Somaj in India, and Babism in Persia. The first has been put down, but only after a war of thirty-five years, which tasked the resources of the Russian Empire. The other two have but begun to manifest themselves; and it is a significant fact, that they are not merely defensive, but offensive, movements. Chunder Sen has lately given out that he is about to visit Europe as the bearer of a divine command to it to abandon its sectarianism, and receive the universal religion. If we are inclined to laugh at the idea, we should do well to remember that many of the leading minds in Europe and America are more in sympathy with this Oriental Pantheism than with Christianity; that Emerson was but a Persian Sufi in a Yankee dress; and that at the very time these lines are being penned (May, 1883), five thousand American citizens, members of the order of Bektashi dervishes, are commemorating with Oriental rites the death of Abd-el-Kader."

Courteously submitted,

ALBERT L. RAWSON.

Representative of the Temples in the East.

THE MYSTIC SHRINE IN EGYPT.

The following document was transmitted to the Imperial Council by the M. : I. : Grand Potentate, and was received, and ordered to be printed with the Proceedings:

To WALTER M. FLEMING, 33°, Most Illustrious Grand Potentate of the Imperial Council, Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, for the United States of America.

ILLUSTRIOUS SIR AND BROTHER:

Having been present at the "Doseh" the last time that ceremony was performed at Cairo, it has been thought that the Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, who have witnessed only the somewhat modified ceremony as seen in the various Temples of the Occidental branch of the Order, would be interested in a brief account of the same, with its attendant pomp and pageantry.

I therefore send you the following account of what I saw, hoping that it may be of service to you and those of your associates in this Ancient Arabic Order, to whom its members in this country are so deeply indebted for having modified the Oriental customs of the Order so much (and only so much) as was necessary for them to occupy to the utmost the extensive field of usefulness and beneficence which is open to the Mystic Shrine in this country.

On a morning in February, which was as clear and bright as the most ideally perfect day of June in this country, I rode out in company with a large number of visitors and natives to meet the Sacred Caravan on its annual return from the pilgrimage to Mecca.

We passed out of the city by the Bab-en-Nasr, or "Gate of Victory," the plan of which was made from the ancient Roman Castle of Babylon in Old Cairo.

We took up our station at the side of the road, where we could be certain of having a good view of the caravan and its escort.

The interval of waiting was enlivened by the amusing antics of the numerous jugglers, snake charmers, and mountebanks, who were continually coming and going and vociferously demanding "backsheesh."

Soon, however, the strains of martial music were heard, and then a regiment of cavalry, followed by six full regiments of infantry, came into view. Two of the latter were composed wholly of Nubians, who were as black as any human beings can be. The others were made up of the lighter-colored natives of lower Egypt. The military were all richly uniformed, and their appearance in marching would have done no discredit to some of our crack New York regiments.

Then came the numerous Orders of Dervishes in quaint, flowing Oriental robes, each of the Orders bearing numerous rich and showy banners, and many of their members wore the green turban which signified that they were descendants of the Prophet, or that they had made the holy pilgrim-

age and saluted the Kaaba at Mecca. Two of these bodies of men wore brown robes and curious conical hats, and I afterward learned, when visiting their Mosques in company with a well known Moslem, that one of these bodies was the Whirling and the other the Howling Dervishes.

Finally came the Pilgrims, mounted on camels, headed by their Sheik, who had tried to become more worthy of the blessing of Allah, by having ridden all the distance "across the burning sands of the desert," bare-headed and naked to the waist. He appeared to have suffered severely from his exposure to the blazing sun.

Then came the sacred camel bearing on his back a curious structure looking somewhat like a tent of richly embroidered velvet. This was emblematic of royalty. Within this tent was the sacred carpet, brought back from Mecca, and at its side hung two copies of Al Koran.

As the long procession entered the gate and passed through the wider streets of the city, we drove by a shorter way and took up our position in the Rumeleh, the large open space in front of the citadel, where the Khedive, with his richly uniformed officers, both civil and military, was waiting in the Royal tent to welcome the Pilgrims.

As soon as the procession came in sight minute guns were fired, and this was kept up until the last of the Pilgrims had passed the tent of the Khedive.

As each Pilgrim came in front of the Khedive he halted, and greeted him with the Oriental salaam, which greeting was courteously acknowledged.

After the reception was concluded, they repaired to a camp ground near the Nile, where a great number of tents had been erected around a large open space, for the accommodation of the Pilgrims and the representatives of the three hundred Mosques in "Grand Cairo."

The camp meeting lasted for several days. Within the line of tents everything was conducted with the utmost solemnity. Services were in progress at all hours of the day and night. They were most fully attended in the hours between sunset and the Muezzin's call for morning prayers. Within these hours processions bearing beautifully illuminated banners and marching to Oriental music were continually coming and going.

The services in the tents consisted principally of reading the Koran, and praying. Each Moslem as he enters a tent washes his hands and takes off his shoes before engaging in the services. While reading he sits cross legged, swaying the body rhythmically backward and forward. While engaged in prayer he kneels, facing toward Mecca, and at various points prostrates himself.

Without the line of tents which were erected about a hollow square, tents were erected for theatres and amusements of various kinds, as well as for the sale of refreshments and sweetmeats.

All the ceremonies I have described were preliminary to the Doseh, with which the camp meeting closed. This service always brings to Cairo the largest number of visitors of anything in the entire year. The Khedive

was present with his entire Court. The veiled inmates of all the Harems of the wealthier Moslems were there in carriages, each one guarded by an armed eunuch.

The crowd was enormous, and as nearly every costume that can be imagined outside of the Arctic regions was represented, it will be readily understood that the appearance of the multitudes of people was bizarre in the extreme.

By a judicious outlay of backsheesh I was enabled to secure a place inside the line of Harem carriages, so that I stood within six feet of where some of the dervishes were ridden over.

At a given signal those who had volunteered for this service came in procession down the line, looking wild and weird, and wearing nothing but a fez and a light garment about their loins. When the time came they all lay down side by side, with their backs upward, and as closely together as possible. Then for a few moments in all that mighty multitude, came a silence that could be felt. Afterward the Sheik of the returned Pilgrims, mounted on a milk white horse, rode slowly along the line on the bodies of the three hundred and fifty dervishes who were lying there.

As he passed, the lines were broken by the multitude, who rushed in to take care of those who had been ridden over, shouting with all their might, "Allah il Allah ! Allah il Allah !" And thus ended the ceremony.

Hoping that continued prosperity may attend you and the Illustrious Order over which you preside, I remain,

Truly and fraternally yours,

SERANUS BOWEN, M.D.

Scherif of Mecca Temple, New York.

THE MYSTIC SHRINE IN ASIATIC TURKEY.

The following document was transmitted to the Imperial Council, by Rev. CORNELIUS L. TWING, member of Mecca Temple, concerning the history of one of his early ancestors, who was largely concerned in the troublous times which Bassorah underwent in the eighteenth century. The document was received, and ordered to be printed with the Proceedings:

To the M. I. Ill. Grand Potentate, WALTER M. FLEMING, Greeting:

I have the pleasure of transmitting to you the following history of one of my ancestors, Sheik Twing, who was a prominent figure in the history of Asiatic Turkey toward the end of the eighteenth century, and especially in the disasters which befell Bassorah, a frontier city situated in Asiatic Turkey, on the Shat el Arab, formed by the junction of the Euphrates and the Tigris, 270 miles southeast of Bagdad. The Sheik Twing mentioned was one of the influential Nobles of our Order, and his reputation for bravery and administration are well exemplified in this little episode. It is taken from the "Tales of Old Travel," by Henry Kingsley, F. R. G. S., and occurs in narrating the history of a young traveller, Robert Everard, in Eastern countries.

"Robert Everard had happened to arrive at Bassorah at the very time (1691) when that town was passing out of the Persian hands for ever. Not for ever out of *Arab* hands, nevertheless. One finds in reading Franklin's voyage from Bengal to Persia that ninety-six years afterwards (1787) a certain sheik, Twing, having been on a raid against a brother sheik, was met rather dangerously near to the desert by the Governor of Bassorah, who came out as a kind of picnic to congratulate the sheik, his friend, on his successful plundering expedition. Instigated by the devil no doubt, the sheik took it into his head to take the Governor prisoner, to send him to the rear, and to claim the town of Bassorah as his own in right of his ancestor (doubtless the sheik who had held it for twelve months in 1691, and in whose bombardment little Robert Everard had assisted). This very clever sheik made a splendid *coup d'etat* of it. He sent in fifteen hundred Arabs to take possession of the palace; they seem to have been unopposed, the inhabitants probably thinking that they could not be worse off, and might be better. After finding that they did not make their experimentum on the vile bodies of his fifteen hundred, Sheik Twing trusted his own sacred person in, seized the shipping, inhabited the palace, and gave the most polite assurances to the inhabitants. The next thing he did was to send a note, in a tone of injured innocence, to Constantinople, lamenting that he should have been kept out of his just rights (which he had just invented) so long; promising his allegiance to the Porte on condition of having given him the Pashalic of Bassorah and *Bagdad* (quite a new idea, developed as rapidly as the original one). After this glorious

piece of coolness, he had collected all the Jew and Armenian merchants, and had got a loan of six thousand tomauns from them. A forced loan? Oh, dear, no; only you would find it on the whole best to make it. The security? Why, the carefully worded bond of the sheik himself; who, however, as soon as he had got it, thought it just as well to get out of the mud-walled fortifications of Bassorah, and have the safe desert clear behind him.

"As the news from Constantinople might be rather unfavorable, as the Grand Seigneur might not exactly like such a degree of coolness as he had exhibited, he marched up the Euphrates towards Bagdad, just to anticipate the messenger with the firman. If it was favorable, good; if unfavorable, none could be the worse except the messenger.

"Now a big brother of his, who had been set aside in the succession to the sheikdom by their father, had been waiting all his life to give his younger brother what is called in low life 'a hoist.' When this wicked younger brother of his had so shamelessly invaded the territories of the head of the holy Mahommedan religion, had captured his governor, had marched into Bassorah, the righteous soul of the dispossessed elder brother burned with ire. His own flesh and blood was one thing, but this insult to the Sublime Porte was another. He fled into the arms of the Pasha of Bagdad, and raised such a wasps' nest about his dear younger brother's ears, that I should fancy more than once that Sheik Twing wished that their father had left his elder brother in quiet possession of the sheikdom.

"The Porte never answered his letter; they merely wrote to the Pasha of Bagdad ordering his head. The Pasha made friends with a neighboring tribe of Arabs, the Bandi, whom Twing had scorned in his prosperity, and together they attacked the audacious sheik. He very nearly won, but the allies were too strong for him. His army was as much beaten as an Arab army ever is, and he went home (with the six thousand tomauns), and up to the latest intelligence (Dec., 1787) remained there on his native desert in peace. It may be considered as highly probable that his elder brother did *not* follow him to the paternal tents.

"As for the Jew and Armenian merchants who had most audaciously presumed to save their throats from being cut from one ear to another, by giving this sheik the money he demanded, you may be sure that they met with the deserts of their crime as soon as the Turks got back into Bassorah. They had to pay through the nose. Sheik Twing had plagued them with whips; the new Governor of Bassorah (one does not read what Sheik Twing did with the old one) plagued them with scorpions.

"The Grand Seigneur appointed Ahmed, the traitorous elder brother, as sheik in room of his brother Twing. One cannot help wondering if he ever went and took possession."

Courteously submitted,

CORNELIUS L. TWING,

St. Thomas' Mission, Brooklyn, E. D.

THE MYSTIC SHRINE IN ALGIERS.

The following letter from the renowned ABD-EL-KADER, during the past year, was transmitted to the Imperial Council by the M. . Ill. . Grand Potentate, which was received and ordered to be published with the Proceedings:

(Translation.)

ALGIERS, AFRICA,
Nahar el Goumah, Shaaban 13, A. H. 1299,
June 30, 1882.

To Illustrious Shareef, WALTER M. FLEMING, Sovereign Grand Inspector General of the Thirty third Degree, Universal Craft Masonry, and Imperial Potentate of the Bektashee—Mystic Shrine—of the Western Hemisphere, United States of America, City of New York:

MOST NOBLE SHAYK: By the grace of God, all praises to his name ! I have long promised to myself to fulfill the pleasing duty of acknowledging the receipt of both manuscript communications and translated histories of your most earnest work in your domain in the cause of the Order of the Crescent, Bektashee, Abd-el-Kader el Bagdadee, or Mystic Shrine: I commend me to your Excellency, with expressive assurances of my endorsement and appreciation of your great and good works. Although the true trusts of this Arabic faith and institution can scarcely prevail intact in the New World, and under Republican rule, yet no less interesting and instructive, as a lesson of good government and pure devotion, will it prove, when rendered as a ceremonial, under earnest and able auspices. It is an estimable Order, the interest of which I have espoused with great love for the past many years, as an institution at once grand in the hearts of its disciples, who esteem Justice, Truth, and Mercy, and abhor oppression, fanaticism, and intolerance. With these comments I recognize each and all in the Shrine, together toilers in the same great and good cause.

I am gratified with the pride of a knowledge that the precepts of this cherished Order have already become accepted, and its virtues and its powers recognized, in the Western Hemisphere. May success and continuance prevail with you and yours.

The Temple Algiers is still the same sterling power, as for many years it has continued unchanged in its course of rule, except in its membership, which changes generations, through the cycle of time and the ravages of dissolution. This Temple is of the same mature character as the sister class of Mecca, Damascus, Jerusalem, Aleppo, Cairo, Marseilles, Bokhara, Oran, Broussa, and innumerable others in Oriental Europe. Heaven so will it that Mecca of the New World become as firm in establishment and as powerful in its decrees. I have twice been honored by being presented to your first Representative, his Excellency Noble W. J. FLORENCE, of New

York, of the United States of America, which estimable gentleman I welcomed as a Disciple of the Unwritten Law, hailing from Bokhara Shrine, Marseilles. Although a foreigner, he seemed deep in the warmth of interest in the Shrine, as any native Sheik or Shareef, therefore entitled and most welcome to all courtesy in our humble bestowal. Ever name me kindly to him.

Herewith receive and accept the greeting of the scribe. Populate your sanctuaries with the good, the upright, and the just. Honor the worthy, select the men of science and art, dignitaries, men of rank, high officials, and superior class for officials in power, and men of character and worth for the all-powerful mass of membership. Carry not the Unwritten Law too far decipherable in your exoteric issues. Verbal and oral confidences supersede, in safety and retention, all manuscriptal or published treasures, however code-bound. Be faithful, zealous, and steadfast in the purpose. And may God (all honor to Him) preserve you here, and set apart for you a haven in Paradise hereafter. Honor to you in the Order of the Shrine.

(Signed)

ABEN BEN BELOT.

Pronounced according to my intentions, and transmitted under authority of Temple Algiers, Africa.

ABD-EL-KADER BEN MAKHI-ED-DEEN.

THE MYSTIC SHRINE IN MALTA.

The following document was transmitted by Noble JOHN WORTHINGTON, Consul of the United States, at Malta, to the M. I. Grand Potentate, and received and ordered to be printed with the Proceedings :

UNITED STATES CONSULATE, MALTA,
No. 10 Strada Mezzodi, April 20, 1884.

To WALTER M. FLEMING, 33^d, *Illustrious Grand Potentate of the Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, New York, U. S. A. :*

ILLUSTRIOUS AND HONORED BROTHER : Permit me, though at this late date, to convey to you with this communication, per the mail packet that leaves this port to-day, the enclosed documents. Your esteemed and most excellent letter of November 20 lies before me as I write these lines, and their kindly expressions of pleasure at my improvement in health, and your warmly worded hopes that my years may yet be many and abundant with happiness, were very grateful to me. I reproach myself not a little in that my apparent tardiness to reply thereto must have seemed to you inattention, or, at least, unintentional remissness ; but, of course, you know before this, through my Sponsor, Brother GEORGE W. MILLAR, of my frequent absences from this island, of my visits to Tunis, Egypt, and Sicily, and of the excursion I made into the stricken Soudan.

I shall, I hope, have much of interest to impart to you, and through you to the Imperial Council of the Nobles of the Mystic Shrine in the United States, of my visits to the lands where the Order had its birth, and where to-day, even, and especially in the midst of the cruel scenes that are being enacted amid the splendors of the Orient sun, that Order is not only strong and flourishing, but wields an influence of beneficent and ripened power—material as well as moral—that no other institution in the East, however potent and august, maintains, nor, I believe, can ever hope to equal. Our aims are so high, our motives so unselfish, our object so pure, our works so pregnant with advantage, and so utterly unalloyed with any of the baser elements of counterfeit worth, that too often discolor, actuate, and control human associations to their belittlement, that, as day unto day sheweth knowledge and night unto night uttereth speech, my pride in my membership of, and my undeviating confidence in, and my reverence for the grand old Order grows firmer and more absorbing.

My visit to the Allee Pasha Temple, Ancient Arabic Order, at

Cairo, was replete and rich with pleasure and satisfaction. The Brotherhood in Egypt surely flourishes, is fruitful in good works, and is as beautiful as are the queenly palms which wave their feathery arms in the soft airs that crinkle the surface of the lordly Nile into rippling lines of loveliest corrugations, or cast their cooling shadows upon the unveiled bosoms of the star-eyed daughters of Egypt. The Ritual that I witnessed exemplified within the secret walls of the Mystic Temple of *Masr el-Kahira* [Cairo, the Victorious] was superb and full of harmonious proportions both to the eye and ear. All the finest senses were stirred to their deepest by the elaborate and luxuriant beauty of detail and fulfillment. The Ritual in this Temple is simply the perfection of high art. It works, by grand and elegant treads, up to a gorgeous consummation as easily and as brilliantly as Aurora's dawn finally, but without crisis, sinks into the sea of glory with which Egypt's sun-god floods the green delta and the golden sands. You must see the living, pulseful, throbbing sunrise in the land of Egypt to appreciate my metaphor, I fear, for nowhere else on earth is that scene so magnificent. It glorifies all it touches, and makes even the scarred and monstrous Pyramid of Cheops a tangible dream of eternal beauty.

The Nobles of the Mystic Shrine in Cairo have their fine Order much at heart, and are enthusiastic in its behalf. They are truly a noble body of men, and my observation of and contact with them taught me that beneath a Moslem turban may beat a heart actuated by as noble sentiments and as tender a love as exists in the soul of the most praiseworthy Christian gentleman. I shall not soon forget the warm, fraternal greeting that Brother HASSAN SOLYMAN gave me at Shepheard's Hotel, Cairo. I had just come out from dinner, and was smoking my cigar. I did not know who he was when he came into the room, but was struck by his fine presence and bright-eyed strength of glance at once. He wore the ornamented red fez of his civil authoritative position in the Egyptian Government, but was otherwise dressed in European clothes. He was a full-blooded Egyptian and an ardent Mussulman all the same; an Egyptian and a Mussulman of the higher class, educated and refined in all the graces that please and in that exalted humanity which only makes man a little lower than the angels. I noticed the glittering jewel of *Al Akarim* suspended across his white vest first, and then the seal ring of the Order of the *Mejidie* on his finger. Seeing the tiger crescent at my watch chain, he advanced without hesitation to where I was standing, and put his right hand over his heart, then kissed that hand, and touched his forehead, as he said:

"*Es Selamu Aleikum.*"

"*Aleikum es Selam*" was my reply, at which he literally fell

upon my neck, after the good and hearty, if florid, old manner of the days of the Patriarchs. The manners of the Oriental people are as attractive as their costumes, and their everyday life and everyday meetings are but lesser repetitions of our Shrine carriage.

Brother HASSAN could not do too much for me, and was by far too generous, I felt, in his unlimited hospitality while I remained in and near Cairo. His brother was the prime Sheik of the tribe of Bedouins that guarded the Pyramids of Gizeh, was a Noble of the Shrine, and well up in all that makes an efficient and sincere Shrinite. Under their excellent and enlightened guidance I made pilgrimages into and to the top of the Pyramids, through the alabaster and other tombs that are strewn in pathetic profusion over the Gizeh plateau, lunched with them in a 60 ton sarcophagus that once contained the embalmed body of a sacred bull in the wonderful Apis tombs, strolled with them over the sand-strewn site of ancient Memphis, viewed the prostrate colossal granite statue of Ramses II., where it lay face downward—a fitting representation of Egypt's fallen grandeur—secured a piece of the back hair of the Sphinx—"the Watchful" (which relie I have forwarded to Brother MILLAR); and it was under HASSAN's guidance that I found myself a welcome guest in the Alee Pasha Temple of our illustrious Shrine in Egypt, where, as I have said, I was able to behold a ceremony distinguished in my memory by a pomp and pageantry, splendor and voluptuousness that is beyond the ability of my stammering tongue and feeble pen to recapitulate.

Nor may I recite in this brief communication the more than brotherly kindness shown me by Brother TEWFIK PASHA, the present Khedive. He displayed much interest in the Order in the United States, and asked intelligently touching sundry details and characteristics of our Ritual. During coffee and cigarettes I ventured to tell him of the devotion you rendered to all that pertained to the Mystic Shrine, not only in the city of New York, but throughout the Union, at which he commended you in laudatory terms. I honestly believe, Illustrious Brother, that, should you visit Egypt, His Highness would confer on you the Egyptian civil order of Nobility—the Mejidie—at sight! I gave him a word-sketch of your personal appearance—which resembles his own in height, weight, and age, barring your flowing side-whiskers. The Khedive, you know, perhaps, wears a short-cut full beard, and dresses in quiet and good taste. He was pained to learn of the recent conflagration that destroyed so much of value in our New York Temple, but pleasantly said he thought an American Howadji could rally from a disaster with more promptness and cheerfulness and begin anew with a braver heart than any earthly Arab!

The Shrine in Alexandria, where, almost in the shadow of Pom-

pey's Pillar, our sacred rites are held, is, appropriately, in a structure on the site of an ancient palace of the Ptolemies, on the very spot where the mystic rites of the ancients were once performed. The Ritual there as I saw it was all that the most zealous Noble could have desired in points of rich and varied costumes, valuable and numerous jewels, and striking antique appointments. Two of the Altars were of priceless value, inlaid with symbolisms outlined in a mosaic of precious stones, their beautiful capitals and bases beaded with rows of *scarabei*—a sparkling gem let into the back of each bug. These *scarabei* were in themselves, aside from the gems they bore, of inestimable worth, for they were found in the left breast of the mummy of Queen Amenhotep (her heart having been removed to give place to them by her embalmers) by Mariette Bey, and presented to the Alexandria Shrine, of which he was a devoted member. The smallest of these Altars would ransom a hundred Princes; the largest would buy a kingdom! They are carefully guarded night and day by armed servitors of the Shrine. The *Yataghan* used during the ceremony is a very meteor in its flashing curve, its handle and hilt encrusted with precious stones. Its scabbard made from one solid slab of lapis lazuli dug out by long, needle-like instruments in the patient hands of Damascus workmen after years of care and toil. The sceptre used by the Grand Potentate was of solid gold, its crescent cut from a huge diamond. The chippings from this diamond stud the neck of the spear used by the First Ceremonial Master. The Ritual of the Alexandria Mystics is as fervent and glowing as the Shrine appointments are celebrated and splendid.

In Tunis, the young and handsome ex-Prime Minister (who married a daughter of the Bey) is one of our most earnest and faithful Brothers. Intelligent, keen-thoughted, sunny-hearted, liberal-viewed, energetic and capable, he is a vigorous and splendid specimen of a Mahomedan Noble of our beloved Order. While my wife was being entertained by his beautiful wife, the Princess, in the hareem quarter of the Palace, His Excellency gave me audience in his well-stocked library, whose windowed balcony overlooked the sun-bathed plain in which ancient Utica was once "pent up." He informed me of the growth and present strength of the Shrine in Tunis, adding that the very best of the wealthiest Tunisians were annually honoring themselves and enriching the Shrine by joining the world-girdling Brotherhood. Could I have remained a week longer in that olive-growing and smiling country, I should have been able to have witnessed a Solemn Conclave held amid the massive ruins of ancient Carthage itself—that renowned Carthage which was once the home of Hannibal, and whose queen was at one period the deathless Dido, concerning the manner of whose death our childhood's hours were often spent in questioning! Carthage is but

half a dozen miles out of Tunis, and its famous cisterns, built by the old Carthaginians, are as substantial and leakless at this moment as they were upwards of 2,000 years ago.

It may interest you to know that while in Tunis I visited the now empty grave of Ill. Noble John Howard Payne, whose "Home, Sweet Home" made Payne's fame. Payne's bones lay here during thirty long years, and when Mr. Corcoran, of Washington, moved them to the United States, the grave was left in a most deplorable condition, and so continues. Something ought to be done to at least mark the spot, and I should be glad to make one of 50 or 100 Nobles to place a suitable slab over the neglected tomb of this upright man, Mason, and Illustrious Noble. All the rest of the pretty cemetery is nicely cared for, and is aglow with many colored flowers and quaint-leaved shrubs.

I am in hopes before long to report that the Mystic seed planted in this wave-washed island of Malta has taken firm root, to sprout and blossom into illustrious fruition. It would be a grand place for a Shrine. Malta has a glorious lineage and a *known* record of 3,800 years. Only last week I saw and irreverently sat down on a veritable Altar (pitted with the sacred marks of the ancients who sacrificed on it) still standing in the enclosure of a roofless temple erected by those hardy mariners who first peopled the island—the Phœnicians. The worship of Baal was consummated on this spot, called *Hagier Khem*, and seven Phœnician granite deities were lately excavated here, bearing a striking resemblance to the older of the Egyptian stone gods. Baal was worshipped here thirty-seven centuries ago.

Calypso's Cave is in this island, she whose praises Homer has anthemed in his stately *Odyssey*; and when I stood last Sabbath in the famous grotto where the mighty Ulysses was enchanted, I recalled the poet's lines in his Fifth Book :

"Large was the grot in which the nymph was found
(The fair-haired nymph with every beauty crowned);
She sat and sung; the rocks resound her lays;
The cave was brighten'd with a rising blaze;
Cedar and frankincense, an odorous pile,
Flam'd on the hearth, and wide perfumed the isle;
While she with work and song the time divides,
And through the loom the golden shuttle guides.

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A scene, where, if a god should cast his sight,
A god might gaze, and wonder with delight."

Truth compels me, however, to say that only a poet with an iron-clad imagination could have transformed this miserable water-dripping cavern into a goddess's bower.

It was in this island where the first great Christian orator was

wrecked, and to this day the *fiesta* of St. Paul's disaster is celebrated each 10th of February by every man, woman, and child of the 150,000 Maltese who inhabit the island.

But nothing has added so much just renown to Malta as the deeds done here by the Knights of St. John of Jerusalem. The forts they built, the 40 foot thick ramparts and bastions, and the deep rock-bottom moats they constructed, the solemn faced churches and grand palaces they worshipped and lived in, the vast hospital, in which with their own knightly hands they gave skillful and tender care to the sick and wounded and dying of the island—all these, together with the recollections of their wonderful valor in battle and their undeviating devotion to the Red Cross Banner in peace and in war, on sea and land, give Malta a charm and a history that create it a shrine to all chivalric hearts of every nation and creed. It may be a bit of information for you to know that the longest single room in Europe, unsupported by pillars, is a sick ward in this Knights' Hospital, and is 505 feet in length, 34 feet broad, and 30 feet in height.

Hence, I venture to hope that a Shrine of our Mystic Order may be erected on this right and tight little island at no very distant day.

The Maltese have much in common with the Arabs in all save religion. They are the staunchest of Roman Catholics, but their customs, their somewhat flowery language even in trifling matters, their manner of holding festivals, the style of music, the love of tales in which vivid imagery and redundant speech abound the washing of feet before religious service, and a thousand and one small, nameless incidents of daily life, show how even the existence of the Maltese of the nineteenth century is still infected and colored by the long years of Arab occupation before the Christian era, when the Crescent was an emblem, and a carved pyramid on a house front was the synonym of the idea of eternal stability.

Before closing, Illustrious Brother, indulge me to relate in a few words an authentic incident which occurred at the late (first) battle of Teb, in the Soudan. It was told me by an Arab Noble of the Mystics, OMAR EL-SAID by name, while we were journeying in company from Suakin to Suez. Omitting many minor but interesting details, and departing from the Oriental style of expression with which he made his narrative a perfect flower garden of speech, he said :

AHMED EFFENDI KADRI was a Turkish soldier of fortune, whose love for the excitement and strife of battle arose more from a desire for diversion than from a thirst for blood. Fighting was a pastime to him, and from youth he had wandered from tribe to tribe through Arabia, volunteering wherever and whenever conflicts were imminent. He was a stalwart believer in Il-Islam, and

performed his religious duties piously. He was an officer under Osman Digna in that general's battle with the forces of General Baker Pasha, of unsavory English railway reputation. While the conduct of Baker's Egyptian troops was such at that battle (Teb) that humanity's cheek mantled with shame at the story, there were, here and there, among Baker's officers men of undoubted courage and chivalrous instincts. One such, in especial, was BADAWY MAHMOOD, a Bashi-Bazook of local fighting fame, who, during the battle, after having been deserted by the cluster of followers under his immediate command, determined to die as became a warrior in whose veins coursed the blood of Mohammed Ali (that grand old man whose craggy splendor of person and intrepid prowess in bloody battles is still the theme of song and story in many an Arab camp and *Kaah*). Badawy's wounds were numerous, and his strength had been lessened with his blood; but being pressed to the point, he flung away his robes, placed the Crescent claws that he wore suspended round his neck, over his heart, and making a feeble barricade of his dead horse, placed his back against a bowlder that had fallen from a cliff into the ravine in which he had been left, and then, baring his brave and wounded breast to the yelling, spear-armed foes who were advancing on him with an avalanche-like impetuosity, he grasped his good sword—the only friend left him—and waited the final onslaught with an attitude that proudly said :

"This rock shall fly
From its firm base as soon as I!"

Badawy Mahmood well knew there was no hope of rescue for him. Flushed and crazed with their sudden victory over the enemies of El Mahdi, Badawy felt it would be useless to appeal at such a wild moment to their religious brotherhood—for the Soudanese, with himself, believed "there was no god but God, and that Mohammed was his prophet." Straight and true the brave fellow's sword did its crimson work of defence for several minutes, and the ground and horse before him were piled with "Moslem slain." During this tragic and unequal combat, Badawy's wounds from spear-thrusts were not a few, but none had proved vital. With a fresh rush a dozen Soudanese, maddened by their repulse, flew at him again, and would certainly have put him to death but that AHMED EFFENDI KADRI, the Turkish officer in command of the attacking party, to the amazement of his followers, suddenly leaped from his steed, and dashed between the plucky Bashi-Bazook and his own warriors, striking down their spears, and shouting for them to desist. They did, but with reluctance, and retired a few yards.

Ahmed turned to his gallant enemy, touched the dangling Crescent with his finger, and, making the Shrine salutation, said eagerly :

"*Es Selamu Aleikum!*" To which Badawy replied, dropping the point of his weapon :

"*Aleikum es Selam!*"

"Then it is true!" cried Ahmed; "thou art indeed my Brother. At the Mystic Shrine at Mecca we have met. It was I, O my Brother, who was thy Oriental Guide (Ayn), and conducted thee through the 'Mysterious Realms' on the feast of Ramazan. But all now is well. Thou art a Noble Brother, and 'Robur et Furor' doth become thee well. But stay! Wilt thou have my life in requital for thy spilt blood? Say but the word, and by the Holy Koran, I die at thy feet."

"Nay, Brother," returned brave Badawy, "live; and if Allah spares this body of mine from the tomb, we will yet enjoy many blessed moments at the Shrine of the Written Law in heavenly Mecca!"

"God is good," reverently replied Ahmed.

"God is great," said Mahmood, and from that moment life and comfort and the choicest of care were secured to him.

"So," concluded Omar el-Said, grasping my hand effusively and giving me the Noble grip, "even in a gross and physical sense alone it is a fine thing to be a Brother of the Ancient Arabic Order of the Nobles of the Mystic Shrine."

"Amen," said I.

I have the honor to be, Illustrious Sir and Brother, yours in the noble cause,

JOHN WORTHINGTON,

*Deputy and Representative of the Imperial Council
at Malta, Mediterranean Sea.*

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No. of Members, 12.

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No. of Members, 112.

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No. of Members, 11.

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No. of Members, 34.

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No. of Members, 25.

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No. of Members, 43.

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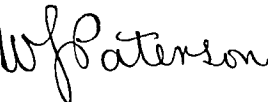
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JAMAZ UL AWWAL, " Feb. 28, "	" Feb. 16, "
JAMAZ UL AKHIR, " Mar. 29, "	" Mar. 18, "
RAJAB, . . . " Apr. 27, "	" Apr. 16, "
SHAABAN, . . . " May 27, "	" May 16, "
RAMADAN, . . . " June 25, "	" June 14, "
SHAWWAL, . . . " July 25, "	" July 14, "
DHU'L-KAADA, . . " Aug. 23, "	" Aug. 12, "
DHU'L-HAJJA, . . " Sept. 22, "	" Sept. 11, "
MOHARRUM, . . 1302—Oct. 21, "	1303—Oct. 10, "
SAFAR, . . . " Nov. 20, "	" Nov. 9, "
RABIH UL AWWAL, " Dec. 19, "	" Dec. 8, "
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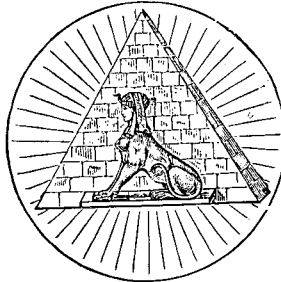
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FOR THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

GRAND ORIENT, NEW YORK.

TENTH ANNUAL SESSION—1884.

THE Tenth Annual Session of the Imperial Council for the United States of America, pursuant to Resolution of February 4, 1880, was held at the Grand Orient, City of New York, N. Y., at Al Beyt Ullahi 'l-Haram of Mecca Temple, in the Masonic Temple, on Nahar el Arbaa, the 9th day of the ninth Arabic month of Shaaban, A.H. 1301, corresponding to Wednesday, the 4th day of June, A.D. 1884, at two o'clock P.M., and in accordance with the notice issued to all Officers, Members, and Temples, as follows :

The Imperial Council.

OFFICE OF MOST ILLUSTRIOUS GRAND POTENTATE,
NEW YORK, May 1, 1884.

ILLUSTRIOUS NOBLE :

The Imperial Council for the United States of America will hold its Tenth Annual Session in the City of New York, on Wednesday, June 4, 1884, at Masonic Temple, at two o'clock P.M.

Very important business will be transacted. It is earnestly hoped that the Officers and the Representatives will be in attendance.

DIPLOMAS.—All individual Members of the Order, not provided with DIPLOMAS, are referred to Section XXI., Statutes and Regulations, by which they are entitled to Diplomas *when their Temples return their names with the Initiation Fee*, as provided by Sections XXI. and XXXIX. The Illustrious Grand Potentates of all Subordinate Temples are responsible for the enforcement of the requirements of the Statutes and Regulations, and particularly of the Sections just referred to. The sources from which the revenues of the Imperial Council are derived are largely represented by the above-mentioned Sections.

RETURNS.—The Presiding Officer of each Subordinate Temple is hereby requested to direct his Illustrious Recorder to make out a *complete list of Membership of the Temple, with date of each initiation*, and to make such return to this Grand Body on or before its coming Annual Session, June 4, 1884, ACCOMPANIED WITH THE INITIATION FEE FOR EVERY INITIATE, when Certificates for every Member will be immediately filled out by the Illustrious Grand Recorder and forwarded to their respective Temples. Temples that have made full Returns need only give list of new Members. See Sections XXI. and XXXIX.

DEPUTIES.—Deputies who were elected at the last Annual Session are particularly requested to note the fact that before exercising their prerogatives, they must qualify and receive the Warrant of Authority and Ritual from the Imperial Council, and their acts must be governed by Section XX. of Statutes and Regulations.

Your presence at this coming Session of the Imperial Council is fraternally solicited.

Courteously yours in the Shrine,

WALTER M. FLEMING, 33°,

MOST ILL. GRAND POTENTATE.

WILLIAM S. PATERSON, 33°,

ILL. GRAND RECORDER.

PRESENT.

OFFICERS.

III. WALTER M. FLEMING,	M. I. Grand Potentate.
" CHARLES H. HEYZER,	as Deputy Grand Potentate.
" AUGUSTUS W. PETERS,	as Grand Chief Rabban.
" CHARLES W. TORREY,	as Grand Assistant Rabban.
" WILLIAM H. WHITING,	Grand High Priest & Prophet.
" JAMES MCGEE,	Grand Oriental Guide.
" GEORGE W. MILLAR,	as Grand Treasurer.
" WILLIAM S. PATERSON,	Grand Recorder.
" JULIUS W. KNOWLTON,	Grand First Cer. Master.
" CHARLES E. LANSING,	as Grand Second Cer. Master.
" WILLIAM E. FITCH,	Grand Marshal.
" THEODORE E. HASLEHURST,	as Grand Captain of the Guard.
" THOMAS J. LEIGH,	as Grand Outer Guard.
" STEPHEN W. SWIFT,	Grand Assistant Guard.

DIRECTORY.

Noble JOSEPH B. EAKINS,
" GEORGE W. MILLAR.

ACTIVE MEMBERS.

Noble ARTHUR R. BLAKESLEE,
" JOSEPH B. EAKINS,
" WILLIAM E. FITCH,
" WALTER M. FLEMING,
" THEODORE E. HASLEHURST,
" CHARLES H. HEYZER,
" JULIUS W. KNOWLTON,
" JAMES MCGEE.
" RICHARD P. MARVIN; JR.
" GEORGE W. MILLAR,
" WILLIAM S. PATERSON,
" CHARLES W. TORREY.

EMERITI.

Noble CHARLES T. MCCLENACHAN,
" ALBERT L. RAWSON.

REPRESENTATIVES OF TEMPLES.

Noble WILLIAM E. FITCH,	Cyprus Temple.
" WILLIAM H. WHITING,	Damascus Temple.
" WALTER M. FLEMING,	Mecca Temple.
" THEODORE E. HASLEHURST,	Oriental Temple.
" JULIUS W. KNOWLTON,	Pyramid Temple.
" RICHARD P. MARVIN, JR.,	Syrian Temple.

The Imperial Council.

DEPUTIES.

Noble	JEROME B. BORDEN,	New Jersey.
"	JOSEPH B. EAKINS,	New York.
"	AUGUSTUS W. PETERS,	Brooklyn, N. Y.
"	GEORGE SCOTT,	New Jersey.
"	CHARLES W. TORREY,	New York.
"	GEORGE VAN VLIET,	New York.

REPRESENTATIVE FOR EASTERN COUNTRIES.

Noble ALBERT L. RAWSON.

PAST ACTIVE MEMBERS.

Noble JOHN F. COLLINS,
 " WILLIAM FOWLER,
 " ALBERT L. RAWSON,
 " GEORGE SCOTT,
 " J. H. HOBART WARD.

VISITORS.

And a large number of the Nobles of the Order, who were visitors from various parts of the United States.

OPENING.

The Imperial Council in annual session was opened in full Ceremonial Form.

The GRAND HIGH PRIEST AND PROPHET delivered the solemn Invocation of the Order.

The Imperial Council was declared open in Ample Form, and in order for business.

ADMISSION OF NOBLES.

On motion of Noble JAMES MCGEE, it was—

Resolved, That Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, properly accredited, be, and they are hereby, invited to be present during the Session of the Imperial Council.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE NINTH ANNUAL SESSION.

The Grand Recorder announced that the Proceedings of the Ninth Annual Session had been printed and sent to all Members of the Imperial Council, and to all Temples.

On motion, the reading of the last Annual Proceedings was dispensed with.

On motion of Noble GEORGE W. MILLAR, it was—

Resolved, That the Proceedings of the Ninth Annual Session, as printed, be, and they are hereby, approved and adopted.

ANNUAL ADDRESS.

The Most Illustrious Grand Potentate, WALTER M. FLEMING, submitted and delivered the following Annual Address:

NEW YORK, May 29, 1884.

TO THE OFFICERS, REPRESENTATIVES, AND ILLUSTRIOUS NOBLES OF THE
IMPERIAL COUNCIL OF THE ANCIENT ARABIC ORDER OF THE
NOBLES OF THE MYSTIC SHRINE, FOR THE UNITED STATES OF
AMERICA:

Once more, Ill. Nobles, we are assembled in Annual Session, to deliberate upon the requirements of the Institution, and to devote our attention to the best interests and welfare of the same. This being the Tenth Annual Session of this Imperial Council of our Order, we may with pride congratulate ourselves for the almost unparalleled success which has been achieved. The last year has, perhaps, been the most remarkable one of all its predecessors for our Oriental Institution, as regards Inauguration of Subordinate Temples, accession to our numbers, and the perfection of equipment and rendition of the ceremonials. And the only contention which has characterized our progress and advancement has been the praiseworthy and meritorious strife to excel, in both paraphernalia and impressive exemplification of our ceremonials. Therefore the commendable zeal, and the rapid progress accruing therefrom, both far and near, is gratifying beyond measure, and we may now rest assured that the Order is an acknowledged power, the thorough establishment and stability of which is beyond all question or contradiction, and in the very near future is destined to achieve a widespread popularity, a status, and a well earned fame, second to none, in the Western Hemisphere.

CONDITION OF THE ORDER.

During the recent past an advancing and progressive enthusiasm has placed the Shrine upon a successful basis, and its rapid growth and popularity promises to excel all its allied prerequisites in early maturity, and speedily arrive at an indisputable position of strength and stature, at once defying the angry waves of time and the storms of persecution.

The apathy which has too long characterized the many new and interior Temples has given way to renewed zeal and interest, a firmness of purpose to equip and exemplify has manifested itself, and the almost contagious enthusiasm has had its influence throughout the length and breadth of our Imperial Jurisdiction. The result is a rapid increase and expanse of working territory, and a list of Disciples of the Crescent which is fast swelling to a multitude. The earnest inquiry from the

eligible, in all parts of the United States and British Dominions, is approximating a system of correspondence at these headquarters which involves aid and assistance of a clerical nature in order to at all satisfy the demand ; and the office of a corresponding secretary will soon be necessary, if the communications so rapidly flooding in are to be honored with reply. The functions of a scribe have so long devolved upon your presiding officer that it is apparently a fixed requirement. But it is becoming so formidable, that I feel I must urge the necessity of some provision whereby these duties may be fulfilled by a proper officer, and thereby lift some of the arduous burdens from the care of the Imperial Potentate, who has cheerfully assumed the responsibilities and fulfilled all the duties of correspondent devolving upon him for the many years past, even from the incubation of the Shrine in America to its present, final, eminent success.

I would, therefore, respectfully suggest to this Imperial Council, that the necessary action be taken to establish an office for the Imperial and Corresponding Recorder, stipulating a proper salary, and assuring the requirements of this Department being transacted in a proper and legitimate manner.

There are still some delays and deficiencies on the part of Deputies and Potentates, in making the proper returns to this Imperial Council, within the required time ; and a little more emphatic enforcement of the Statutes and Regulations would no doubt have a wholesome effect, and this may be readily accomplished by the powers of our efficient Directory, which is already an Executive Commission, invested with authority to make crooked paths straight, and correct all irregularities occurring during the intervals between the sessions of this Grand Body. They are, therefore, the Tribunal proper, or Court of Resort, empowered to enforce our Statutes, and administer any or all the penalties of these provisions. And at this time, I beg leave to suggest the necessity of all Potentates and subordinate Officers becoming more conversant with our Statutes and Regulations, and their many admirable provisions, and thereby preclude the necessity of so many and so frequent inquiries at the Grand Orient for information which is therein contained. I am almost daily more convinced, that the Statutes and Regulations are not carefully perused by many high Officials, who transmit long communications for information that is fully contained in our last issue of the Statutes.

THE FRATERNAL DEAD.

Illustrious Nobles, our Imperial Body seems to be particularly favored by Divine Providence, inasmuch as another year has passed, and no one of our number, Official, Deputy, Active, or Emeritus, has been called to the Unseen Temple. It is indeed an unusual record, in a body like this of ours, fast increasing in numbers, and those numbers resident throughout the length and breadth of our land, in all climates, and subjected to all manner of vicissitudes and influences, that not one is stricken from our

roll by the felling hand of Death, this now being the termination of the second year, in which we have each and every one been spared, to again mingle our sentiments, and renew our bonds of alliance. Let us hope that the time is not yet allotted nor set apart when we shall be called upon to record the departure of even one of our number, and let us hope the days may be long ere the Sacrificial Funereal Urn darken the pages of our volume of Transactions. The duty devolves upon me, however, under this head, to refer to the death of one, although not of this Council, and although personally unknown to nearly all of us, still is entitled to a memorial page in our issues, and a sentiment of remembrance from our Order. I refer to the renowned Sheik Obeidullah, a descendant from the Daughter of the Prophet, who was called to the Unseen Temple during his pilgrimage to the Kaabah, or Shrine, at Mecca, in Dhu'l Hajja, 1300, equivalent to September, 1883.

It will be remembered, that notice of his demise appeared on the notices of Mecca Temple, for the session of November 30, 1883, or "Safar," the second month subsequent to his death.

This great Sheik was the Chief of the Politico-Religious Kurds, the Bektash in the East. He descended from the Daughter of the Prophet, and was of the purest Bedouin blood, and was esteemed the third noblest personage in Islâm. It was this tribe and their followers that struck consternation and alarm to the flanks and rear of Xenophon's army, in their famous retreat, so vividly portrayed in the "Anabasis." The Romans also were decimated under their prowess, as many Latin authors relate in their Histories of the Parthians.

Obeidullah, with his son, commanded an attack on the Persian towns bordering Lake Urumijah, but were vanquished by Miryah-Khan, a Persian General. The Sheik was forced to retreat to the mountains, whence by lavish promises he was lured to Stamboul, and there made prisoner; he was held captive several months, when, during the fast of the Ramazan, he escaped and fled to Kurdistan, and once more rallied his faithful followers. He was again captured by the Turks in October, 1882, when his flying squadron rescued him and took him to Kourouma. Broken in spirit, he spent his last days in religious devotions.

A memorial page and authentic history of this great Arabic Shareef will be set apart in our Transactions.

TRANSACTIONS OF GRAND OFFICERS.

At the office of your Imperial Potentate, the correspondence has been exceedingly large during the past twelve months, and not unfrequently it has been so formidable that the necessity for an amanuensis has been almost imperative. However, up to the present writing all communications have been honored and all interrogations as intelligibly replied to as required, and official duties performed in as prompt and efficient a manner as the necessities of each specific case demanded, and it is to be hoped to the entire satisfaction of all interested.

The detail of the several official transactions in this department will be presented to your notice under the head of Dispensations and Charters.

The Directory have had submitted to them all the minor details and requirements devolving upon them as an Advisory Council or Court of Resort, and have faithfully fulfilled each and every duty falling to their charge. Early in the year charges and complaints were made relative to infringement of jurisdiction and gross irregularities on the part of representative Officials of the Order in the Western jurisdictions. The Directory held an extended and lengthy correspondence in reference to the same, and up to the present time they are not entirely satisfied as to qualification of charges and assertions. The subject matter will, therefore, be submitted, with the correspondence, to the Committee on Grievances and Appeals, for decision at this Session of the Imperial Council.

In regard to the Directory and the Illustrious Grand Recorder, great praise is due to these Illustrious Nobles for the able and efficient manner in which they have discharged the respective duties devolving upon them. Although more or less complaint has been made on the part of some of the Potentates and Recorders of subordinate Temples, from the fact that at times it has been simply impossible for the Grand Recorder to transmit the Diplomas as promptly as was desired; first, from the supply having been exhausted, therefore a new issue required to be printed; second, that it was necessary that each one of the same required to be filled out by engrossing the name of the owner and the date of his reception, together with signing and sealing the same; and inasmuch as the time of the Grand Recorder was occupied by his regular profession, as well as a multitude of other Secretary requirements, it was finally deemed expedient to appoint a Calligrapher as an assistant, which was accordingly done; and we trust that no future delays will provoke the rash choler of the expectant recipients of our Certificates, Blank Returns, Official Lists, or Transactions; and I sincerely hope that the suggestions, in regard to establishing a regular office for this Imperial Council, under the charge of our Illustrious Grand Recorder, with a fund sufficient to properly sustain the same, will be adopted. Our Deputies, during the last year, have manifested renewed zeal and interest in the Order, and much more has been accomplished than heretofore. There has also been a commendable enthusiasm, promoted by some of the newly appointed Deputies, for which they deserve the recognition and thanks of this Grand Council, a reference to which will be made later on in this address.

DISPENSATIONS AND CHARTERS.

On August 4, 1883, I appointed Ill. Noble George Van Vliet a Deputy at Large, for special designated duty outside our local jurisdiction for the welfare and progress of the Order. The Ill. Noble fulfilled all requirements in an able and efficient manner, which reflected credit upon himself and honor upon the Institution.

On October 15, 1883, I appointed Ill. Noble Anthony Wayne Barnard, of Butte, Montana, Deputy for the Territory of Montana, representing this Imperial Council in that jurisdiction, he having received the Order in Islam Temple, San Francisco, and being highly endorsed by the Illustrious Deputy for California and the Potentate of Islam Temple.

On October 31, 1883, I created Illustrious John Worthington, of the Isle of Malta, a Noble of the Mystic Shrine, by letters patent, and created him the Deputy of that jurisdiction, and invested him with Constitutional Authority, Diploma, Ritual, Statutes, History, Transactions, Addresses, and Notices. Reports of a most interesting nature have been received from this Illustrious Noble, which were submitted to several Officers of the Imperial Council, and were incorporated verbatim in our Transactions of the last Annual Session. Other letters are expected for the Transactions of this Session.

On November 15, 1883, I transmitted Charter to Islam Temple of San Francisco, Cal., bearing date June 6, 1883, and recalled their Dispensation, which was returned, and receipt of Charter acknowledged by John H. Gray, our Illustrious Deputy for California.

On November 1, 1883, I appointed Illustrious Noble Edward B. Jordan, of Philadelphia, Pa., an Illustrious Deputy at Large for the specific purpose of instituting a Temple of the Shrine in the city of Philadelphia, Pa., where one was earnestly desired, and no official of this Imperial Council having acceded to the local requirement, this special appointment was made, and has since proved a most worthy one, as the following transactions verify.

On December 31, 1883, a Dispensation was granted to Lu Lu Temple, of the city of Philadelphia, Pa., to form and open for the exemplification of the work, Illustrious Daniel E. Hughes, M.D., being named as first Grand Potentate. The success of this enterprising Temple has exceeded all previous records in our Order, being now less than one-half a year old, and boasts of upward of four hundred in membership, composed of the most prominent and desirable material resident in that jurisdiction. The Temple in Officers' equipment and efficiency in the exemplification of the ceremonials already stands second to none extant.

On January 10, 1884, the officers of the Imperial Council and of Mecca Temple of the city of New York instituted Lu Lu Temple and installed its Officers. The Nobles of Philadelphia extended every courtesy to the Delegation. Since organization the above Temple has regularly carried on their work, with the unprecedented success above stated.

On January 1, 1884, Dispensation was granted to Salaam Temple of Olney, Ill., to organize and exemplify the work. Illustrious Noble Wm. Henry Curtin was named as first Grand Potentate, and the Temple now stands an acknowledged success.

On January 28, 1884, I granted Ill. Grand Potentate Daniel E. Hughes, of Lu Lu Temple, Philadelphia, special Dispensation to ballot for and confer the Order (on Tuesday afternoon and evening, January 29) for the welfare of the Order.

On February 22, 1884, I granted dispensation to Ill. : Deputy Sam Briggs, of Cleveland, Ohio, to confer the Order in that city, in Al Koran Temple, on applicants from the Dominion of Canada.

On February 23, 1884, I sent dispensation to Ill. : Special Deputy Edward B. Jordan, of Philadelphia, Pa. to fill vacancy in office by electing Assistant Rabban in Lu Lu Temple of that city.

March 3, 1884, I granted dispensation to Ill. : Grand Potentate Daniel E. Hughes, of Lu Lu Temple, Philadelphia, Pa., to confer the Order of the Shrine upon a candidate, resident of New York State, but in business in Philadelphia a great portion of the time.

March 13, 1884, I issued Dispensation to Ill. : Deputy Edward B. Jordan, of Philadelphia, to confer the Order by communication upon a candidate, represented as a desirable acquisition to Lu Lu Temple of that city, but so occupied as to prevent attendance at regular Sessions.

On March 13, 1884, Dispensation was granted to Murat Temple of Indianapolis, Indiana, to form and open a Temple for the exemplification of the Ceremonials of the Order, and Ill. : Noble John T. Brush was named as first Grand Potentate. The application for Charter was signed by said Potentate and seven other petitioners.

On March 15, 1884, I invested Ill. : Noble Joseph M. Levey, our Grand Treasurer, with constitutional authority, as Deputy at Large in foreign countries, to confer the Order and establish Temples in England, Wales, and elsewhere, wherever his sojourn rendered it expedient in his judgment to do so, wherein it would not conflict with any other jurisdiction.

The Illustrious Noble is provided with all necessary Authority, Rituals, Certificates, Notices, etc., and is at the present time abroad.

March 20, 1884, in compliance with letter of application from Baltimore, Md., signed by seven petitioners of that city, asking that power be granted to Lu Lu Temple, of Philadelphia, to exemplify the Order for them, with view of forming a Temple in Maryland, I issued Dispensation, authorizing the above course to be pursued, and their petition was honored. Illustrious Deputy Edward B. Jordan received the authority, and Lu Lu Temple of Philadelphia exemplified the ceremonies in full form.

On March 31, Dispensation was granted to form and open Boumi Temple, of the city of Baltimore, Md., and Noble T. McCoubray, Jr., was selected as the first Grand Potentate. The reports of the progress of this Temple for the short time since its organization are very satisfactory and encouraging.

April 15, 1884, Illustrious Noble Henry H. McGaffey, of Indianapolis, was created Deputy for the State of Indiana, his name having been presented to this Grand Orient for that honor, bearing the highest praises and unquestionable endorsements of the representative Fraters of that jurisdiction.

On April 16, 1884, your presiding officer, accompanied by the Directory and several officers of this Imperial Council under the escort of Mecca Temple, of the city of New York, together with Grand Potentates,

Officers, and Representatives of several of the subordinate Temples, visited, by special request, Medinah Temple, of the city of Chicago, Ill., and there exemplified the work on the evening of April 18. The attendance was exceedingly large. A formidable list of candidates presented themselves, and the ceremonials were exemplified in full form. The Illustrious Nobles of Medinah Temple received and entertained the Officers and a large number of guests in a most courteous, hospitable, and royal manner, leaving no possible facility unapplied for the comfort, welfare, and happiness of the entire delegation, and left a happy remembrance upon the minds and hearts of all, which cannot be effaced while life remains, and most elaborately exemplified that beautiful sentiment of the "Inspired Charge," "May not a noble heart, in Greek or Turk, in breast of Arab, as well as Christian, lurk?" I therefore respectfully suggest that such action be submitted to this Grand Council as shall place upon our Records the assurances of our appreciation of the princely manner in which the master spirits of Medinah Temple, of Chicago, received and entertained their honored guests from this Grand Orient.

On May 24, 1884, I granted special Dispensation to Illustrious Edward B. Jordan, Special Deputy, Philadelphia, Pa., to confer the Order upon Sir Knight Samuel Halleck, of St. John's Commandery, of that city, a resident of Syria for many years past, and about to return to Oriental Europe. This for the welfare of the Order in the East.

There are now chartered and under Dispensation twenty-two Temples, the greater number of which are fully equipped and rendering the Ceremonials in every detail. A special sentiment of praise is eminently due to Lu Lu Temple, of Philadelphia, Pa., which Temple, now scarcely six months old, under the able supervision of Illustrious Noble Dr. Daniel E. Hughes, Potentate, and an efficient corps of officers, and through the untiring zeal of Special Deputy Edward B. Jordan, Director, their membership is already approximating a contributing roll of five hundred souls, and the exemplification of the work complete and unsurpassed. Many other Temples are progressing admirably, and rapidly increasing both their membership and a lively interest in the Order.

There is also a large correspondence now prevailing, which promises continued success in the establishment of new Temples.

FINANCE AND ACCOUNTS.

It is very gratifying to be able to state that the large and long continued indebtedness of the Imperial Council has been liquidated, and the time has now arrived when we should become not only self-sustaining, but possessed of a plethoric exchequer, capable of meeting all obligations, and at the same time hold a respectable reserve for any and all emergencies which might arise. But in order to achieve this financial status, it will be necessary for all the Subordinate Temples to respond promptly with their returns. The list of Temples is now becoming large, and the activity of the same most encouraging; therefore the revenue of the Imperial

Council is naturally increased, and all that is now required is a continued prosecution of the good work, and our independence is assured. The income from certificates at this session must necessarily be quite large, which, together with returns from the Temples, as Subordinate Bodies, and the Qualification of our Deputies, should constitute a fund which will not only acquit us of all outstanding obligation, but ensure us perfection of our official arrangements, in such a way as will not only expedite our labors, and mark an accessible centre, where any and all information respecting the Order may be had, and reflect credit upon the Institution itself. Besides this, enable us to promptly and properly issue our Proceedings, and accomplish all other incidental details devolving upon us as a Representative and Governing Body.

GRIEVANCE AND APPEAL.

Fortunately, there is but little to revert to under this title. Peace and harmony have prevailed throughout our entire jurisdiction, with the exception of two or three incidental misunderstandings, and these of a comparatively trivial nature, and, I trust, at this session these will be amicably adjusted, and thus leave no irregularity to mar our harmonious progress, and leave an uninterrupted field to open wider still to the advancement which has for some time past characterized our success.

In July last, a complaint was submitted to our Advisory Council, the Directory, that irregularities and infringement of jurisdiction were transpiring in the Western Territory. A somewhat lengthy correspondence was carried on between the Directory and the accused, which will at this time be referred to the Committee on Grievances and Appeals for adjudication, and their decision will be final.

There was also an effort made on the part of the Directory to adjust misunderstandings in regard to the subject matter of revenue, payment of dues, and qualifying the provisions of the Statutes in regard to back delinquencies, etc. The decision of the Directory was submitted as follows :

“ All Subordinate Temples, in arrears for dues to the Imperial Council, are held for Diploma fees, for each and every Noble created, subsequent to issue and approval of Statutes and Regulations making said provision, which dates from January, 1877 (said Statutes having been issued October, 1876).

“ Therefore, all Nobles created since January, 1877, are not only entitled to a Certificate, or Diploma, but each and every Subordinate Temple is responsible for the return of the Initiation Fee, for each Noble created subsequent to January, 1877.

“ It is, therefore, hereby ordered, that all Temples in such arrears shall forward a complete list, data, and amount due pursuant to this provision.

(Signed)

SAM BRIGGS,
JOSEPH B. EAKINS, } *Directory.*
GEORGE W. MILLAR, }

There being one Temple still in arrears, according to the above provision, and it being earnestly desired that a full list be obtained, and put matters on a fair footing for all concerned, this matter should be finally disposed of at this present session. This, therefore, will be also submitted to the proper Committee, who may, if deemed advisable, bring the subject before the Imperial Council. In April, I received a complaint from our Ill. Deputy of Connecticut, charging an irregularity, on the part of Mecca Temple, of the city of New York, in conferring the Order upon a resident of that jurisdiction without consent. There seems to have been some misunderstanding on the part of both Connecticut and New York, which the Deputies and Subordinate Temples have proved themselves fully competent to arrange satisfactorily without the aid of the Imperial Council.

Another trifling commotion was created in the jurisdiction of Pennsylvania, by a misunderstanding between the Deputies and Temples, and there seemed to be indications of conflict of authority. But it was only necessary to refer those interested to the proper provisions of the Statutes, to convince them that no dissension could arise, nor infringement occur, if the Statutes were not violated, in which event the matter would revert to the Court of Resort, or the Imperial Council, for adjudication; and it is evident, in this, as well as all other well-regulated institutions, that a direct and wilful violation of the Statutes and Regulations, on the part of any Deputy or Temple Official, would certainly prove fatal to the official status of such Representative. And I sincerely trust, that universal peace and harmony may continue to prevail, in the future, as it has in the past, with our Noble Order, and that no dissension, strife, or discord may arise to mar our speedy progress on to an unqualified and an unprecedented power.

JURISPRUDENCE AND LAWS.

The admirable provisions of our Statutes and Regulations, as arranged, compiled, and issued prior to our last Annual Session, preclude the necessity of emerging into any lengthy expression of our legal requirements. They have, as far as has come to my knowledge, proved equal to all emergencies for the good government of the Order. There have been some few suggestions on the part of one or two of our officials, submitted more particularly for the purpose of rendering some of the sections more lucid, if possible, and making them more readily understood. But there has been no radical change suggested, nor required, as far as I am aware of. Any new provisions, or regulations, that may be regarded as desirable, or any changes or additions that are thought may render the Statutes more comprehensive, I trust they may be presented for consideration during this Session.

It invariably becomes the duty of the presiding officer, at this juncture, to urge upon the Committee the necessity of taking it strictly in charge, that Temples be urged to promptly make their returns to the Imperial Council. Its sources of revenue are limited, and delays in liquidating

arrears necessarily impair the financial status, and embarrass all the progress in our issues dependent upon the fund in exchequer. Therefore, all delinquencies and arrears should be singled out, the proper Committee at once open communication with the Temple so indebted, urge the necessity of adjustment, and, if necessary, enforce the law, and administer the remedy.

By so doing, a promptness in adjustments will be promoted, and the welfare of Subordinate Temples enhanced, as well as the Imperial Body. A little executive action, on the part of the Committees in charge of the different departments, will establish a harmonious concert of action throughout the entire line of operations that will hereafter reflect credit both upon the Official and Subordinate Rolls.

It is somewhat to be regretted that, at our last Annual Session, which was "The Triennial Elective Congress," the entire list of *active* membership was filled. I was personally opposed to this course at that time, on the ground that the Institution being a rapidly growing one, and it being evident that, before the expiration of the three-year term of office, there would doubtless be many Potentates, ruling over large and prosperous Temples, who would be justly entitled to a representation in this Imperial Council, a voice in its deliberations, and a vote in its executive sessions, and the entire active list being filled, what provision could be made to favor the zealous and worthy accessions to our ranks? What method could we adopt to secure the admission of a most desirable and influential element to our Executive Roll? Evidently, none; unless some few of the remote Representatives, holding both the positions of Deputy and Active, would be magnanimous enough, for the welfare and progress of the Order, to voluntarily withdraw from the active list for the remaining tenure of office, and thus open a way to favor our desires and our duty. In pursuance of this idea, after consultation with some of the Officers and the Directory, I personally assumed the responsibility of writing to some few Actives, explaining the dilemma, and submitting the matter, optional to them, to decide what they deemed best for themselves and the Institution.

I am happy to state that prompt replies were received, and nearly all thus applied to being Active Representatives, as well as Deputies, expressed not only a willingness, but a desire, to withdraw their names from the list of Representatives, and retain their Deputyships, deeming this course best for the welfare and prosperity of the Order, by encouraging some few Potentates of new and thriving Temples, by at once opening a way for them to be elected to the Active Membership for the remaining unexpired term of two years. This self-sacrificing and magnanimous course, on the part of these estimable Nobles, should not go unrewarded in the future.

Their names will appear in the tender of their letters of resignation, and their entitlement to approval at your hands; and it is earnestly to be hoped, that the vacancies on the Active Roll will be at once filled by the

unanimous election of the Potentates of the recently chartered and enterprising Temples. Their entitlement to the honor has been manifested by their great and good works, of recent date.

In my Annual Address of last year's Session, June 6, 1883, I called the attention of the Imperial Council to necessity of qualifying the provision in regard to Active Membership, and defining the same according to the Membership of Subordinate Temples, under the belief that it was not an equitable distribution of the representative power, to provide in the Active Roll for every Temple alike, for the following reasons: There may exist but one Temple in a State, and that perhaps remote, and comprising, possibly, a membership of only its original charter list, or, perhaps, only a very limited number of members besides; and should they, according to provision in Section I., Statutes and Regulations, select *three* of their number as Active Representatives, while, in the other States, there exist from one to five Temples, and with membership each from one hundred to six hundred or more, and they be allowed only *one* or *two* Representatives each, because of their concentrated jurisdiction, in larger cities, or more densely populated localities, and thereby necessarily assuming increased labor, and more rapid advancement and prosperity—I repeat, it is decidedly an unjust provision, at least, until their more limited sister Temples increase in membership, and more extended territory is covered by our Charters. I therefore suggested, at that time, the propriety of a regulation, or resolution, providing for Actives according to Subordinate Temple Membership, viz.: a membership of one hundred entitling to one Active, two hundred to two Actives, three hundred to three Actives, and so on, *seriatim*. This proposition was acted upon at that Session, and the Active list so filled. But the experience of the past year has demonstrated beyond question that it is not always wise to *fill* the *entire list of Actives* at the Triennial Election, unless there should appear more weighty reasons than the simple desire of *filling of the list* because there exists a vacancy.

There is no doubt but that the *true* course to pursue in this matter will adjust itself in the due course of time, both equitably and to the entire satisfaction of the Members. In the election of our next Triennial Term, in 1886, our past experience will aid us very materially in distributing the honors of the Order in a more perfect manner.

REPORTS OF DEPUTIES.

During the past year, our Deputies have, to a great extent, rendered more efficient service and contributed more to the prosperity of the Order, by the faithful fulfilment of their duties, than has characterized their interest in the Institution in former years. I refer more particularly to the Députés far removed from the Grand Orient, and for a long term lukewarm in their efforts toward advancement of the Order, who have now evinced a new interest, and awakened a revival and livelier enthusiasm. Great praise is also due to some of our Deputies invested with authority

during the last year. New territory has been opened by them, and the most encouraging conditions prevail in the different localities where they have manifested so much personal interest, and taken an individual pride in establishment of Temples and the exemplification of the Ceremonials. There is still, however, some negligence on the part of other Deputies, in both *qualifying*, as regards *their authority*, and in making returns. Section XX. of Statutes and Regulations provides that, "Every Deputy shall report to the Imperial Council, at its Annual Session, all his transactions, exercised in that capacity, during the year." Several of our Deputies have neither qualified nor made returns, according to the provision of the Statutes, and I trust some action may be taken at this time, whereby proper notices may be served upon them, calling their attention to this particular Section. Furthermore, I respectfully suggest to one or more of the Committee on Jurisprudence and Laws, or to any Active Member, that, according to Section XLII., on "proposed alterations or amendments to Statutes," it is desirable to embody in our next issue of Statutes and Regulations, under Section XX., the clause of conditions and requirements, as laid down for Deputies, in the Official Certificate issued to all Officers of this Imperial Council since our last Session, viz.: "*Deputies shall first qualify*, by the payment of a fee of ten dollars for the Commission of Authority, and five dollars for a copy of the Oriental Ritual."

This important provision should certainly appear in our Statutes and Regulations, both under the head of "Deputies" as well as in Section XXI., embracing "Fees and Revenue of the Imperial Council," and I trust such action will be taken as will ensure that end.

RITUAL.

There is very little to be said on the subject of Ritual at this time. It is now two years since our Revised Ritual has been in the hands of the Subordinate Temples, and its merits fully tested, and it is only necessary to say that it has given entire satisfaction in all its details. There are some few trifling interpolations in the work, introduced by some of the older Temples, calculated to render the exemplification of the Ceremonials perhaps a little more smooth and intelligible; but they are so unnoticeable and unimportant, that no change in the text of the Esoteric work is deemed necessary until such time as a reprint may be required, when any desirable addition or change, which may contribute to a more perfect rendition of any particular part or sentence, may be then arranged. I desire here, at this time, as under the Ritualistic subject of last Session, to urge the attention of the Council to the necessity of looking after and caring for outstanding Rituals in the hands of retiring Actives and Deputies, and arranging some reliable method for the return or transfer of Ritual copies, to ensure their not falling into profane or improper possession. I would, therefore, again urge the expediency of the appointment of a Special Ritual Committee, or entrust the subject to the custody of the Directory, to see that no Rituals go astray.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

You will please bear with me, Illustrious Nobles, for a little time more, while I refer to a few points of interest to us all, and, perhaps, may drift into more or less recapitulation of what I deem unfinished subjects. First, let me impress upon the minds of the Illustrious Members the policy of amicably adjusting any and all misunderstandings or apparent dissensions, it matters not how trivial; let peace and harmony prevail. Tranquillity and goodly feeling have ever characterized our deliberations, Imperial and Subordinate, throughout the Western Hemisphere. Let us endeavor to promote a continuance of that desirable sentiment. It is the well-spring of great success, and a condition which increases in strength and stature, with culture of those attributes which bind men together in one invulnerable phalanx, inseparable and imperishable. Although, at times, a thin and shadowy cloud may appear to darken the horizon of our crescent moon, a little reflection, a reasonable concession, and a manly understanding will almost invariably dispel it, and leave the canopy of the cobalt sky brighter and firmer than ever; and by a frank exchange of sentiment, true men come to know one another better there. The cloak of charity is generously thrown around their faults, their good deeds and their virtues become apparent, and with a perfect understanding their real worth shines forth; and thus, by mingling opinions, differences, the warm pulsations of the manly heart echo to responsive throes of its fellow, and thereby springs the tie of alliance and genuine fealty, one to another, that will defy the murmurings of discord and the storms of conflict. A kind word often turns away wrath, and a frank understanding oftener turns would-be foes to firmest friends. "For true hearts are, indeed, more than coronets, and simple faith than Norman blood." Therefore, let us be *true to ourselves*, and we *will be true to one another*.

We are on the full tide of success; let us unfurl every sail while on the voyage, and let no mutinous element prevail on board. Every officer is supposed to be at home, on his post, therefore let the entire crew do his utmost to successfully bring the craft to her haven. Ofttimes discipline is required to sustain regulation and good order; but that discipline should be accepted in the good spirit which prompts it, ever remembering that no legion was ever successful without it. It is not often that it is necessary to chide or rebuke. We have our Laws to govern our Institution; let all abide by them, and there will be no penalties. We are an acknowledged power; let us so remain and increase, until age cannot weaken our foundations, nor time decimate our hosts. Although the cold impress of Death may single out many a bright soul from our midst, there will be another and another to step into the vacant spot, and ably fill the post. Let each officer keep within the commendable line of conduct, all others to their sphere or functions, and the disciples gracefully yield to the requirements of the position, aiding to their utmost to have harmony and loyalty prevail. Our financial condition is now becoming of the sterling cast, placing us beyond the pale of obligation, therefore the abler to cope with almost any adversary.

The time has passed when ridicule or misrepresentation can mar our course. Many of our former most strenuous opponents have "assumed the Arab's vow;" our late foes have passed within our picket guard, under a flag of truce, and ask absolution by the assumption of our Oath. Our heralds are giving proclamation throughout the length and breadth of our land, that "whoso seeks Islam earnestly seeks true direction," and there are more seekers than the sought, and the Shrine prevails against all antagonists. Our charities have not been tame or amiss. It has not unfrequently come to my knowledge, in the sanctuaries of larger and abler institutions than this of ours, appeals for charity have been made and charity weakly and lamely dispensed, or not dispensed at all, however worthy the cause. It is, therefore, exceedingly gratifying to be able to truthfully state that the Order of the Shrine, when appealed to for aid, have never yet withheld on weak subterfuge, *but were there* to extend the required aid. I will not identify nor name a Temple or locality, but suffice it to say that in flood and fire and distress and want, in many Temples of our goodly Order, the "Invisibles" responded to the call even like unto an echo, not a pittance, but by the hundreds of dollars, and the thankful prayers of the afflicted thus rescued attest the merit of the act. This from the East, from the West, the North, and the South; in short, there are none of the Subordinate Temples of our Order of the Crescent which can boast of quorum regular, which have not demonstrated a charity "beyond" the expected "reason." And let us so strive that we may never be found wanting in this greatest attribute of our theme. Both individuals and institutions have been rescued at our hands, and may we not only so long continue, but let us excel in this attribute as well as all the rest.

Courtesy and hospitality also seem to be inherent in the Nobility of the Shrine, both individually and collectively, and in the many pilgrimages in which I have had the honor of participating, most royal hospitality has characterized them all; and I can frankly say that the Official Corps of this Imperial Council feel under bonds of sincere respect and assurances of deepest appreciation for the kindly courtesy, consideration, and hospitality they have been the recipients of at the hands of the Illustrious Nobles with whom they have sojourned and visited, both officially and socially. And I regard it as a great source of regret that circumstances have so transpired when our Princely entertainers from abroad have from time to time fallen among us unexpectedly here at the Imperial Orient, that thus far we have been unable to acquit ourselves of the courtesies so eminently due them for their untiring devotion to our well-being while under *their* palm and fig tree, and trust the day is not far distant when we may so concentrate our forces at such time as may be propitious with them at our disposal, when we will endeavor, in part, to reciprocate their self-sacrificing devotions to us while we were among them. They are eminently entitled to all the consideration, courtesy, and hospitality in our power to bestow. I allude to Cleveland,

Ohio; Chicago, Ill.; Detroit, Mich.; Philadelphia, Pa.; Cincinnati, Ohio; San Francisco, Cal.; and Boston, Mass. The three latter cities mentioned I had not the personal pleasure of visiting, but the praises and compliments bestowed upon them by our Illustrious Nobles, who were the fortunate recipients of their favors, are guarantees enough of the bounteous entertainment they received.

Our Institution is now, unquestionably, an unqualified success; let us therefore persevere and continue to promote its enlargement of territory and increase of membership, and the reward will be an approving conscience, and the gratification of being the promoters of one of the most popular achievements in the way of a sterling Institution, unexcelled in the civilized world, one whose motto sentiment may be delivered with pride, entitled the Imperishable, and justly appropriate for the Nobility of the Shrine, or the Invisibles, which says:

"Whoso seeketh Islam earnestly seeks true direction; but whoso predicts the Shrine with her sublime attributes will perish, lieth in the face of the Prophet. Her escutcheon motto is Immutable, Immaculate, and Immortal, and though the universe be wrapped in one vast chaotic destruction, she would spring forth in her majestic strength and soar defiant above the falling ruin, with the brilliancy of her retributive scimeter untarnished, her invulnerable crest unsoiled, and not a downy feather of her mystic plume ruffled by the fierceness of her fury."

With an Order possessed of a sentiment like this, may we not advance "*Sans peur sans reproche*"? Our history is authentic and complete, our Ritual a masterpiece of perfection, our Statutes competent and reliable for our government, our Certificates, Diplomas, Charters, and Dispensations all that could be desired, our Proceedings a perfect record, and our Official Corps earnest, sincere, and zealous.

Naught now remains but to stride on, widening out from age to age, until every nation's tongue shall master the Esoteric symbols of the Shrine. I desire in brief to say at this time that I have recently received, as I have before stated, from one of our Illustrious Representatives, Noble John Worthington, Deputy for the Island of Malta, where he has the honor of being the American Consul, a detailed history of the Shrine in the East. It comprises a most interesting *resume* of many incidents connected with the Order, entertaining and instructive, which I am most happy to submit to the Council. Time and space will not allow of a more extended allusion to the manuscript at this time, but it is well worthy of your perusal and attention, and recognition in our Proceedings.

And now, Illustrious Nobles, in bringing this somewhat lengthy address to a close, let me congratulate you as an Imperial Body for your majestic status of to-day. The many trials and vicissitudes which necessarily accrue in the inauguration and establishment of any great institution have been overcome. The adversities and embarrassments which all newly organized bodies have to contend with have often prevailed with us, but they too have been conquered, and we now stand upon an independent and an

unobstructed way to march onward and upward to the achievement of new honors and greater successes. The white-winged bird of good omen has spread wide her pinions, and lit majestically and significantly upon the crescent pike at the head of our banner staff. The "Invisibles" are fast becoming recognized everywhere, in the palace and in the market place, from the forum to the desert, while the Tiger Crescent has become the emblem which good men deserve and brave men wear; and as long as the exemplification of our weird ceremonials shall interest the worthy applicant to the Altar of the Shrine, while her attributes make impress upon the tablet of their memories, and the fraternal alliance shall be sealed at the symbolic Feast, so long shall we continue to increase in gigantic power and colossal stature, defying the shoals of discord and the storm-thrashed shores of dissolution.

Finally, my dear Illustrious Nobles, permit me to give my assurances of appreciation of your individual and combined aid in my administration of the duties entrusted to my care in this exalted position, with which you have so long been pleased to honor me. And thanking you for your kind and patient indulgence and attention during this long and perhaps tedious Address, I commend to your kindly care the best interests of the Order in your respective sections, and

Subscribe myself courteously yours, with the Cause earnestly at heart,

WALTER M. FLEMING,

M. I. Grand Potentate.

ADDRESS REFERRED TO SPECIAL COMMITTEE.

On motion of Noble CHARLES H. HEYZER, it was—

Resolved, That the Annual Address of the M. I. Grand Potentate be received, spread in full on the Records, and referred to a Special Committee for subdivision and for reference to the appropriate Committees.

COMMITTEE ON ADDRESS.

The M. I. Grand Potentate appointed as the Special Committee on Address:

Noble CHARLES H. HEYZER,
 " CHARLES T. MCCLENACHAN,
 " GEORGE W. MILLAR.

ADDRESS TO BE PRINTED.

On motion of Noble CHARLES W. TORREY, it was—

Resolved, That two hundred and fifty copies of the Annual Address be printed, and distributed to the Members and Nobles.

In accordance with the Resolution, the Annual Address was printed and distributed to all present.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

The M. I. Grand Potentate appointed the following standing Committees for the ensuing year:

I.—*Transactions of the Grand Officers.*

Noble CHARLES T. MCCLENACHAN,

" GEORGE SCOTT,

" WILLIAM H. WHITING.

II.—*Dispensations and Charters.*

Noble CHARLES W. TORREY,

" ALBERT L. RAWSON,

" AUGUSTUS W. PETERS.

III.—*Finance and Accounts.*

Noble CHARLES H. HEYZER,

" WILLIAM H. WHITING,

" JAMES MCGEE.

IV.—*Grievances and Appeals.*

Noble GEORGE W. MILLAR,

" CHARLES W. TORREY,

" WILLIAM J. FLORENCE.

V.—*Jurisprudence and Laws.*

Noble CHARLES T. MCCLENACHAN,

" WILLIAM B. MELISH,

" JULIUS W. KNOWLTON.

VI.—*Mileage and Pay of Representatives.*

Noble JOSEPH B. EAKINS,

" CHARLES H. HEYZER,

" ARTHUR R. BLAKESLEE.

ABSENT OFFICERS AND MEMBERS.

The following Nobles having signified their regrets at their inability to attend this Session, their letters were received, and their names ordered to be printed in the Proceedings :

Noble FRANK W. ANGEL,
 " JESSE B. ANTHONY,
 " FRANKLIN H. BASCOM,
 " SAM BRIGGS,
 " JAMES A. COLLINS,
 " WILLIAM J. FLORENCE,
 " JOHN H. GRAY,
 " THOMAS J. GRIFFITHS,
 " HENRY E. HOSLEY,
 " JOSEPH M. LEVEY, (in Europe),
 " GEORGE F. LODER,
 " WILLIAM B. MELISH,
 " CHARLES H. THOMSON,
 " D. BURNHAM TRACY,
 " JOHN WORTHINGTON.

FINANCIAL ACCOUNTS OF M. V. I. V. GRAND POTENTATE.

The M. V. I. V. Grand Potentate presented the following report of his receipts and expenses for the year ending June 4, 1884:

NEW YORK, June 4, 1884.

To the Officers and Members of the Imperial Council for the United States of America:

Your Presiding Officer herewith submits the following report of his financial accounts during the past year:

Receipts.

July 5, 1883.	T. J. Shryock, Baltimore, Order and Certificate. . . .	\$7.00
" 26, "	Rev. A. Buchanan, Moundsville, W. Va., created 7 Nobles.	35.00
" 31, "	Rev. A. Buchanan, Moundsville, W. Va., 7 Diplomas. . . .	14.00
Aug. 15, "	J. H. Gray, San Francisco, 2 Rituals.	10.00
Nov. 13, "	E. B. Jordan, Philadelphia, Deputy Authority and Ritual.	15.00
" 30, "	J. W. Knowlton, Bridgeport, Ritual.	5.00
Dec. 1, "	A. W. Barnard, Butte, Montana, Deputy Authority and Ritual.	15.00
Feb. 9, 1884.	D. E. Hughes, Lulu Temple, 4 Rituals.	20.00
Mar. 21, "	C. E. Meyer, Philadelphia, Deputy Returns.	28.00
" 26, "	R. J. Walshe, Chicago, Ritual.	5.00
April 19, "	J. McGaffey, Indianapolis, Deputy Authority.	10.00
Total Receipts.		\$164.00

Disbursements.

1883. By monthly outlay for expressage, transportation, messenger service, telegraphing, mail, stationery, and sundry expenses, as follows:

June.....	\$6.76
July	9.89
August.....	11.72
September.....	15.88
October.....	10.66
November.....	12.65
December.....	13.24
January, 1884.....	15.75
February "	12.62
March "	13.85
April "	22.58
May "	11.75

Total Disbursements.....\$157.35

Receipts.....\$164.00

Expenditures.....157.35

Balance due to Imperial Council.....\$6.65

Courteously submitted,

WALTER M. FLEMING,

M. I. Grand Potentate.

REFERENCE OF ACCOUNTS.

On motion of Noble GEORGE W. MILLAR, it was—

Resolved, That the financial accounts of the M. I. Grand Potentate be referred to the Committee on Finance and Accounts.

REPORT OF ILL. GRAND TREASURER.

The Ill. Grand Treasurer submitted the following Annual Report :

NEW YORK, June 4, 1884.

To the Officers and Members of the Imperial Council :

Your Grand Treasurer respectfully submits the following Annual Report :

Receipts.

June 6, 1883.	To balance in hand this date, from the Grand Recorder.....	\$87.28
Jan. 1, 1884.	To cash from Grand Recorder.....	10.00
Feb. 1, "	" " " " " ".....	142.00
March 1, "	" " " " " ".....	46.00
April 1, "	" " " " " ".....	100.00
June 2, "	" " " " " ".....	200.00
" 4, "	" " " " " ".....	444.00

Total Receipts..... \$1,029.28

Disbursements.

By cash paid for the following expenses of the Grand Recorder :

July 10, 1883,	Printing 100 letter headings for Directory.....	\$4.50
" 30, "	Annual Address, extra expenses.....	10 00
" " "	Journals for Grand Treasurer and Grand Recorder..	9.00
Oct. 22, "	Printing 1,000 letter headings for Imperial Potentate,	8 00
Nov. 5, "	500 " " " Grand Recorder.....	5.00
" 7, "	250 Credentials of Active Members.....	10.00
" 8, "	250 Notices of Appointments of Officers..	8.00
Feb. 26, 1884,	500 letter headings for Directory.....	5.00
" 28, "	Engrossing 80 Diplomas by Noble B. F. Brady.....	20.00
Mar. 18, "	Printing 500 Edicts of Imperial Potentate.....	6.00
" 25, "	500 pamphlets of Officers, etc., 8 pages.....	30.00
" 31, "	Engrossing 93 Diplomas by Noble B. F. Brady.....	23.25
May 18, "	Printing 500 Annual Notices.....	6.00
" 19, "	500 Annual Proceedings, 1883.....	175.00
" 26, "	1,000 Statutes.....	50.00
" " "	Engrossing 109 Diplomas, by Noble B. F. Brady...	27.25
" 31, "	Printing 250 Annual Address, 1884.....	35.00
June 4, "	Expressage, Telegrams, etc.....	5.75
" " "	Postage, Stationery, Seal Papers, etc.....	16.50
" " "	Mailing list to date.....	11.00
" " "	Paid to Noble S. W. Swift, Gr. A. Guard.....	5.00

Total..... \$470.25

Recapitulation.

June 4, 1884,	Total Receipts to date.....	\$1,029.28
"	Disbursements to date.....	470.25
	Balance on hand.....	\$559.03

With the hope for the increased prosperity of the Order, I am courteously yours,

JOSEPH M. LEVEY,
Grand Treasurer.

REFERENCE OF GRAND TREASURER'S REPORT.

On motion of Noble GEORGE SCOTT, it was—

Resolved, That the Report of the Ill. Grand Treasurer be received, and referred to the Committee on Finance and Accounts.

REPORT OF ILL. GRAND RECORDER.

The Ill. Grand Recorder presented the following Annual Report :

NEW YORK, June 4, 1884.

To the Officers and Members of the Imperial Council for the United States of America :

Your Grand Recorder respectfully submits the following Annual Report :

At the close of the last Annual Session there were :

No. of Active Members of the Imperial Council.....	49
" " Past Active Members.....	26
" " Emeriti.....	3
" " Deputies.....	23
" " Temples to date.....	22

The Reports which have been received from the various Temples are given in the Table on next page.

Receipts.

There have been received for fees and dues for the year ending this date:

Dec. 8, 1883.	Ziyara Temple, Annual Dues.....	\$10.00
Jan. 2, 1884.	Lulu Temple, Dispensation and 6 Initiations....	92.00
" 23, "	Salaam Temple, Dispensation.....	50.00
Feb. 25, "	Pyramid Temple, Bridgeport, Dues and 18 Initiations.....	46.00
March 22, "	Murat Temple, Dispensation.....	50.00
" 31, " ,	Boumi Temple, ".....	50.00
May 16, "	Islam Temple, Dues and 34 Initiations.....	78.00
" 19, "	Pyramid Temple, Davenport, Dues... ..	10.00
" 26, "	Boumi Temple, 19 Initiations.....	38.00
" 26, "	Medinah Temple, Chicago, Dues and 26 Initiations.....	62 00
" 26, "	Mount Sinai Temple, Dues and 1 Initiation.....	12.00
June 4, "	Pyramid Temple, 13 Initiations.....	26.00
" 4, "	Lulu Temple, Dues.....	10.00
" 4, "	Aleppo Temple, Dues.....	10.00
" 4, "	Syria Temple, Pittsburgh, Pa., Dues and 40 Initiations.....	90.00
" 4, "	Cyprus Temple, Dues and 4 Initiations.....	18.00
" 4, "	Mecca Temple, Dues and 120 Initiations.....	290.00
Total amount.....		\$942.00

All of which has been paid to the Grand Treasurer.

Courteously submitted,

WILLIAM S. PATERSON,

Grand Recorder.

Reports of Temples, to January 1, 1884.

Temples.	Location.	Members, Dec. 31, 1882	Died.	Dimitted.	Suspended.	Created.	Affiliated.	Members, Dec. 31, 1883
Aleppo.....	Boston	7	.....	.....	.....	10	...	17
Al Koran	Cleveland.....	108	.....	.....	.....	/	...	(108) 109
Boumi, 1884....	Baltimore.....	7	.....	.....	.....	19	6	32
Cyprus... ..	Albany.. ..	43	.....	.....	.....	6	.....	49
Damascus.....	Rochester.....	148	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	148
Islam	San Francisco...	15	.....	.....	.....	34	.....	49
Lu Lu, 1884....	Philadelphia...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	7
Mecca	New York.....	362	.....	2	.....	120	12	492
Medina	Atchison	10	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	10
Medinah.....	Chicago	22	.....	.....	.....	26	.....	48
Mohammed....	New Haven.....	10	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	10
Moslem.....	Detroit	112	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	112
Mount Sinai....	Montpelier	24	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	24
Murat, 1884....	Indianapolis .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	(8) 7
Oriental.....	Troy	11	.....	.....	.....	7	.....	18
Pyramid.....	Bridgeport.....	34	.....	.....	.....	14 (18)	.....	(52) 43
Pyramid.....	Davenport.....	25	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	25
Salaam, 1884....	Olney, Ill.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	13
Syria.....	Pittsburgh.....	43	1	.....	.....	40	..	82
Syrian	Cincinnati	89	.....	1	1	65	1	153
Ziyara.....	Utica.....	11	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	11
Totals.....	.....	1081	1	3	1	345	19	1468

REFERENCE OF ILL. GRAND RECORDER'S REPORT.

On motion of Noble JAMES MCGEE, it was—

Resolved, That the Annual Report of the Ill. Grand Recorder be received, and referred to the Committee on Finance and Accounts.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ADDRESS.

The Special Committee on the Annual Address presented the following report:

Your Committee, to whom was referred the Annual Address of the M. I. Grand Potentate, beg leave to report as follows:

1. That the matter of establishing an office for the Imperial Recorder be referred to the Directory.
2. That all matters pertaining to the duties of Officers, Deputies, and Temples be referred to the Committee on Transactions of Grand Officers.
3. That the portion of the Address alluding to the fraternal dead be referred to a Special Committee of three Nobles.
4. That all grievances be referred to the Committee on that subject.
5. That the granting of Dispensations and Charters be referred to the appropriate Committee.
6. That the noble reception given by Medinah Temple, of Chicago, to the Imperial Council, be referred to a Special Committee of three Nobles.
7. That the Finance and Accounts be referred to the Committee in charge of the same.
8. That the decision of the Directory relative to dues and fees be referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence and Laws.
9. That the resignation of Active Members be considered in Executive Session.
10. That the qualification of Deputies be referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence and Laws.
11. That the subject of Rituals be referred to the Directory.
12. That matters pertaining to the Reports of Deputies be referred to the Directory.

Courteously submitted,

CHARLES H. HEYZER,
CHARLES T. MCCLENACHAN,
GEORGE W. MILLAR,

Committee.

On motion of Noble ARTHUR R. BLAKESLEE, the report of the Committee on Address was received, the Committee discharged with the thanks of the Imperial Council, and the subjects ordered to be referred as recommended.

The Imperial Council.

RESIGNATION OF ACTIVE MEMBERS.

The M. I. Grand Potentate presented and read letters from

Noble FRANKLIN H. BASCOM,
 " THOMAS J. SHRYOCK,
 " CHARLES W. TORREY,
 " GEORGE O. TYLER,

tendering their resignation as Active Members, in order to enable the representation of New Temples in the Imperial Council, which letters were received and ordered on file.

EMERITI FOR SERVICE.

On motion of Noble AUGUSTUS W. PETERS, it was—

Resolved, That the Active Members who had resigned their offices in order to enable the new Temples to be represented, be elected Emeriti, and be hereafter recorded as such.

NOMINATION OF ACTIVE MEMBERS.

On motion of Noble WILLIAM H. WHITING, it was—

Resolved, That

Noble THOMAS MCCOUBRAY, JR., of Baltimore, Md.,
 " DANIEL E. HUGHES, of Philadelphia, Pa.,
 " JOSEPH S. WRIGHT, of Philadelphia, Pa.,

be nominated for Active Membership, in place of those resigned, for the remaining terms.

ELECTION OF ACTIVE MEMBERS.

The above nominations were then duly considered, and, being balloted for, were declared unanimously elected.

GRAND CAPTAIN OF THE GUARD.

The office of Grand Captain of the Guard being vacant by the resignation of Noble THOMAS J. SHRYOCK,

Noble THOMAS MCCOUBRAY, JR., of Baltimore, Md.,
 was duly nominated, balloted for, and elected to fill the remaining term of such office.

DEATH OF ACTIVE MEMBER.

The M. I. Grand Potentate stated that, since the completion of his Annual Address, he regrets to announce the death, on August 13, 1883, of

Noble THOMAS TAYLOR WIGHTMAN, of Pittsburgh, Pa.,
 an Active Member of this Imperial Council, and referred the subject to the Memorial Committee for suitable action.

MEMORIAL COMMITTEE.

The M. : I. : Grand Potentate appointed as Committee on Memorial to the Deceased:

Noble CHARLES T. MCCLENACHAN,
" WILLIAM S. PATERSON,
" GEORGE W. MILLAR.

MEDINAH RECEPTION.

The M. : I. : Grand Potentate appointed as Committee on the Subject of the Reception of the Imperial Council and Mecca Temple Officers, by Medinah Temple, of Chicago,

Noble CHARLES H. HEYZER,
" JOSEPH B. EAKINS,
" JAMES MCGEE.

COMMITTEE ON MONUMENT TO JOHN HOWARD PAYNE.

The M. : I. : Grand Potentate called attention to the statements made by Noble JOHN WORTHINGTON in his recent letter from Malta, relative to the removal of the remains of Noble JOHN HOWARD PAYNE, and the neglected condition of the temporary resting place.

On motion of Noble CHARLES W. TORREY, it was—

Resolved, That the subject of a monument over the temporary resting place of Noble JOHN HOWARD PAYNE, in Tunis, be referred to a Committee of three Nobles.

The M. : I. : Grand Potentate appointed as such Committee

Noble JAMES MCGEE,
" GEORGE W. MILLAR,
" CHARLES H. HEYZER.

IMPERIAL COUNCIL JEWELS.

The M. : I. : Grand Potentate presented for the approval of the Imperial Council, the design of a set of Jewels appropriate for all the Imperial Officers, which had been designed and manufactured by Noble EDWARD WILLIAMS, of Mecca Temple.

On motion of Noble CHARLES H. HEYZER, it was—

Resolved, That the designs which have been submitted for Jewels for Imperial Council Officers be, and they are hereby, adopted, and that at an early period measures be devised for providing ways and means for procuring the same.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON TRANSACTIONS OF GRAND OFFICERS.

The Committee on Transactions of Grand Officers presented the following report :

The Committee on Transactions of Grand Officers have the great pleasure of indorsing the action of the various officers of the Imperial Council during the past year, and the fruit of their arduous labor is best seen in the great prosperity which now prevails throughout the jurisdiction. The Deputies could, however, contribute more to the interest of our Proceedings if they would send a summary of their work. The Temples have generally done good work, and they seem to be in the hands of efficient officers. The harmony which prevails, and the unbounded hospitality of the Nobles and Temples, prove the Order well founded.

Courteously submitted,

CHARLES T. McCLENACHAN,

GEORGE SCOTT,

WILLIAM H. WHITING,

Committee.

On motion, the report was received, and ordered on file.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON DISPENSATIONS AND CHARTERS.

The Committee on Dispensations and Charters presented the following report :

The Committee on Dispensations and Charters having considered the work and standing of the four Temples which received Dispensations during the year, offer the following Resolution for adoption :

Resolved, That charters be issued to

BOUMI TEMPLE, of Baltimore,
LULU TEMPLE, of Philadelphia,
MURAT TEMPLE, of Indianapolis, and
SALAAM TEMPLE, of Olney, Ill.,

bearing the date of this Annual Session.

Courteously submitted,

CHARLES W. TORREY,

ALBERT L. RAWSON,

AUGUSTUS W. PETERS,

Committee.

On motion the report was received and the Resolution adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FINANCE AND ACCOUNTS.

The Committee on Finance and Accounts presented the following report :

The Committee on Finance and Accounts respectfully present the following report :

They have carefully examined the financial reports of the M. : I. : Grand Potentate, the Grand Treasurer, and the Grand Recorder, together with the accompanying vouchers and bills, and find them correct.

Your Committee recommend that a warrant for five dollars be drawn in favor of the Ill. : Grand Assistant Guard for his services during this Annual Session.

Your Committee, in accordance with the resolution passed in 1883, recommend that a warrant be drawn on the Grand Treasurer for one hundred dollars in favor of the Grand Recorder for salary for the year ending this date.

Your Committee hope that the Temples and Deputies will be prompt in their payments, and more carefully conform to the Statutes in relation thereto.

Courteously submitted,

CHARLES H. HEYZER,
WILLIAM H. WHITING,
JAMES MCGEE,
Committee.

On motion, the report was received, the several recommendations were adopted, and warrants ordered to be drawn for the amounts therein mentioned.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON GRIEVANCES AND APPEALS.

The Committee on Grievances and Appeals presented the following report:

The Committee on Grievances and Appeals have the pleasure of reporting that the several matters to which their attention had been called in some slight misunderstandings in the West and in the East were most amicably settled by the parties most interested, and they are happy to report that the harmonious condition of the Order, which has prevailed during the year, requires no action on their part, and they commend the component and individual elements of the Order to increased activity in this direction.

Courteously submitted,

GEORGE W. MILLAR,
CHARLES W. TORREY,
Committee.

On motion, the report was received and ordered on file.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON JURISPRUDENCE AND LAWS.

The Committee on Jurisprudence and Laws presented the following report :

The Committee on Jurisprudence and Laws, considering the subjects referred to them, offer the following report:

Your Committee find that the decision made by the Directory in relation to the dues and fees required to be paid by the Temples, as contained in full in the Annual Address, is in accordance with the Statutory provisions, and will do no injustice to any Temple, as it is similar to the requirements made by all grand bodies. We observe that the Temples generally are contributing to this Imperial Council in accordance with these provisions, and the enhanced prosperity of this grand body is assured. They therefore recommend the following for adoption :

“Resolved, That the decision of the Directory in relation to dues and fees to be paid by Temples, as contained in the Annual Address, be, and it is hereby, approved and confirmed.”

The subject of the qualification of Deputies has been carefully considered, and the Committee find that it is in accordance with the practice of the M. : L. : Grand Potentate from the inception of the Order to charge certain fees for Warrants of Authority to Deputies as well as a nominal fee for the Ritual. These fees, however, are not provided for in the Statutes, and we recommend the following resolutions for the consideration of this Imperial Council at its next Session in 1885, in accordance with Section XLII. :

“Resolved, That Section XX. be amended by adding the following clause :

“Deputies shall first qualify, by the payment of a fee of ten dollars for the Commission of Authority, and five dollars for a copy of the Oriental Ritual.”

“Resolved, That Section XXI. be amended by adding thereto the following lines :

“For every Commission of Authority for Deputy.....\$10.00
“For every copy of the Oriental Ritual..... 5.00.”

Courteously submitted,

CHARLES T. MCCLENACHAN,
WILLIAM B. MELISH,
JULIUS W. KNOWLTON,

Committee,

On motion, the report was received, and the recommendations were adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON MILEAGE, ETC.

The Committee on Mileage, etc., presented the following report:

The Committee on Mileage and Pay of Representatives deem it injudicious, at the present time, to offer any legislation on the financial subjects involved in their duties, as the interests of those who are devoted to the Order have thus far been sufficient inducement for them to appear at our Annual Session.

Courteously submitted,
JOSEPH B. EAKINS,
CHARLES H. HEYZER,
ARTHUR R. BLAKESLEE,
Committee.

On motion, the report was received and ordered on file.

REPORT OF THE DIRECTORY.

Noble JOSEPH B. EAKINS, for the Directory of the Imperial Council, tendered the following report :

Your Directory has the pleasure of congratulating the Imperial Council on the increased prosperity evident from the reports of the various officers, and are happy to say that the mildest measures only were suggested and promptly carried out in the few cases which were brought to our notice, and which need no further legislation.

In considering the subject of establishing an office for the Imperial Recorder, while such would undoubtedly redound to the welfare of the Order, yet the trite proverb, "Feste lente," behooves us to wait the more favorable auspices which now seem so prominent, and we believe that in a year or two it will be to the interest of the Order that such a step be taken.

The subject of Rituals in the hands of individual officers has met our view in the past, and although some doubt may arise as to the ultimate disposition of these valuable adjuncts to the Order, yet we are convinced that thus far they have been carefully kept, and have not fallen into improper hands. The M. I. Grand Potentate has exercised great discernment, and we need only suggest that in the future the same great care be exercised in restricting them to the proper officers.

The Deputies have been but recently elected in many instances, and, considering the matters brought to our attention in the Annual Address, we believe that it is only a feeling that the duties so far devolving on them are too slight for record on paper, which has caused our Deputies to omit reports of what seemed to them of little interest. It is just this interest, however, which we desire shall be encouraged, as "Great oaks from little acorns grow." A reminder hereafter to the Deputies will no doubt bring forth much that will be palatable, and make our literature of the Order more extensive by the record of the experiences which will be of value to those who come after them.

We have also considered the matter of Diplomas required by Moslem Temple, and we herewith recommend that the Recorder of that Temple transmit a full report of the membership of the Temple, indicating who have not received Diplomas, and do also recommend that the Imperial Recorder make out the required number of Diplomas, transmit them to the above Temple, and allow it to pay for the initiation fees hereafter as soon as convenient.

The Directory have also been informed that the want of a sufficient number of Diplomas has caused some dissatisfaction among the Nobles who desire to possess them throughout this jurisdiction, and it has the pleasure of announcing that Noble GEORGE W. MILLAR, of this Directory, will immediately order three thousand Diplomas, and furnish them to the Imperial Recorder, in order to expedite the issue of these excellent works of art to all who are entitled to them, the cost of which may be payable at the convenience of the Imperial Council. This generous offer has been accepted in behalf of this grand body, with many thanks.

Courteously submitted,

JOSEPH B. EAKINS,
SAM BRIGGS,
GEORGE W. MILLAR,
Directory.

On motion, the report was received, and the recommendations were adopted.

THANKS TENDERED.

On motion of Noble AUGUSTUS W. PETERS, it was—

Resolved, That a vote of thanks be, and it is hereby, tendered to Noble GEORGE W. MILLAR, for his generous offer of assistance at the present time, to enable the Imperial Council to procure a large number of Diplomas.

REPORT ON MONUMENT TO NOBLE PAYNE.

The Special Committee on monument to Noble JOHN HOWARD PAYNE, presented the following report :

The Special Committee to whom was referred the subject of erecting a monument to mark the temporary resting place of the Illustrious John Howard Payne, have considered the statements made by Noble John Worthington, Consul at Malta, contained in his last letter to this Imperial Council, and do recommend that it is eminently proper that the Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. should honor the spot where rested for so many years

the remains of one who was a highly favored visitor of the Mystic Shrine while serving this country among the cultivated Moslems of the East. We therefore recommend that the Officers and Deputies endeavor to bring the matter before the various Temples in our midst, and ascertain what means we may rely upon before authorizing our Deputy in Malta to proceed with the sacred work.

Courteously submitted,

JAMES MCGEE,
GEORGE W. MILLAR,
CHARLES H. HEYZER,

Committee.

On motion, the report was received, the recommendations were approved, and the Committee requested to continue their labors.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON MEDINAH TEMPLE RECEPTION.

The Committee on Medinah Temple Reception submitted the following report :

The Special Committee appointed to consider the Reception given by Medinah Temple, of Chicago, to the Imperial Council Officers and their escort of Mecca Temple, of New York, on April 18 and 19, 1884, feel it a great and responsible duty to be the medium of expressing the high appreciation which the Imperial Council desires to place on record, for the most liberal, courteous, and hospitable manner in which they were cared for and treated on this memorable occasion. The cavalcade from the East to the West numbered fifty Nobles, all of whom have at heart the great welfare of the Order, and an intimation that they could benefit the Western Nobles was the smallest inducement, as their hearts yearned to exhibit the fraternal feelings that actuate every Noble for the advancement of the Order whenever there is an opportunity to do so. The reception, however, was far beyond what could have been conceived of the well known hospitality of our Western Nobles. On their arrival near Chicago, they were met by the Committee of Medinah Temple at several hours' distance from the city, who occupied a special train to meet the New York Nobles. From that time till their departure, each Noble was accompanied by one of the Chicago Nobles, specially delegated to take charge of him, and all the interesting parts of the city were shown to full advantage, until the evening of the 18th, when the rooms of the Temple were filled with visitors from all parts of the West, and fifty-two candidates were received on that glorious occasion. The next day all the New York party were taken in coaches to every notable point, the extensive mercantile houses were shown to them, and the freedom of the city was accorded by the government officials with most hearty good will.

How can we express the feelings of those who were the recipients of such unbounded hospitality? We can but put on cold paper and ink our sincere thanks for the courtesies rendered, and we most heartily join in placing on record our high mead of praise for the pleasure we have had in becoming more closely united in knowledge and intercourse with such noble exemplars of our Mystic Rites.

Courteously submitted,

CHARLES H. HEYZER,
JOSEPH B. EAKINS,
JAMES MCGEE,
Committee.

On motion, the report was received, the Committee were discharged with the thanks of the Imperial Council, and the sentiments expressed were most heartily concurred in.

NEXT ANNUAL SESSION.

On motion of Noble GEORGE W. MILLAR, it was—

Resolved, That the next Annual Session of the Imperial Council be held in the City of New York, in June, 1885, during the time of the Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of New York.

PUBLICATION OF PROCEEDINGS.

On motion of Noble CHARLES H. HEYZER, it was—

Resolved, That a sufficient number of copies of the Proceedings of this Annual Session be printed, under the direction of the M. I. Grand Potentate, with full power.

DECEASED.

The Committee on the Deceased presented the following report:

The Special Committee appointed by the M. I. Grand Potentate to prepare memorials to the Illustrious Sheik OBEIDULLAH, and to Noble THOMAS TAYLOR WIGHTMAN, Active Member, herewith transmit the sympathetic words already prepared by Nobles WALTER M. FLEMING and SAMUEL HARPER, and recommend that pages be set apart to the memory of the Deceased.

Courteously submitted,

CHARLES T. MCCLENACHAN,
WILLIAM S. PATERSON,
GEORGE W. MILLAR,
Committee.

On motion, the report was received, the Committee discharged, and the Memorials ordered to be published in the Annual Proceedings.



SHEIK OBEIDULLAH.

It becomes my painful duty to refer to the death of one who, although not of this Council, and although personally unknown to nearly all of us still is entitled to a memorial page in our issues, and to a sentiment of remembrance from the members of our Order. I refer to the renowned Sheik Obeidullah.

It will be remembered that the announcement of his demise appeared on the notices of Mecca Temple, for the session of Nov. 30, 1883, or "Safar," the second month, just subsequent to his death, in the following words :

AFFLICTION ! DISTRESS ! SORROW !

MEMORIAL SERVICES !

THE RENOWNED

SHEIK OBEIDULLAH,

DESCENDANT FROM

THE DAUGHTER OF THE PROPHET,

CALLED TO THE UNSEEN TEMPLE

DURING THE

PILGRIMAGE IN DHUL HAJJA

TO THE

KAABAH, OR SHRINE, AT MECCA.

THE TEMPLES AND ALTARS

WILL BE DRAPED IN MOURNING INSIGNIA, AND THE

FUNERIAL URN WILL EXHALE INCENSE

UPON THE SACRED BLACK STONE !

ANCIENT ORIENTAL CEREMONIALS.

This great Sheik was the Chief of the Politico-Religious Kurds, the Bektash in the East. He descended from the Daughter of the Prophet, and was of the purest Bedouin blood, and was esteemed the third noblest personage in Islam. It was this tribe, and their followers, that struck consternation and alarm to the flanks and rear of Xenophon's army, in their famous retreat, so vividly portrayed in the "Anabasis." The Romans also were decimated under their prowess, as many Latin authors relate in their Histories of the Parthians.

Obeidullah, with his son, commanded an attack on the Persian towns bordering Lake Urumijah, but were vanquished by Miryah-Khan, a Persian General. The Sheik was forced to retreat to the mountains, whence by lavish promises he was lured to Stamboul, and there made prisoner; he was held captive several months, when, during the fast of the Ramazan, he escaped and fled to Kurdistan, and once more rallied his faithful followers. He was again captured by the Turks in October, 1882, when his flying squadron rescued him and took him to Kouroma. Broken in spirit, he spent his last days in religious devotions.

WALTER M. FLEMING, 33°.

THOMAS TAYLOR WIGHTMAN.

Noble Thomas Taylor Wightman was born at Pittsburgh, Pa., October 10, 1848. After passing through the public schools of the city he entered Washington College, Pa., where he remained two years, untoward family necessities compelling him to relinquish his studies and enter a life of labor. His thirst for knowledge continued unabated, and for several years his nights were wholly devoted to his books. Burning the midnight oil he prepared himself for admission to the Bar of his county, and in due time passed a very creditable examination. After his admission he applied himself rigorously and diligently to the practice of his profession, and very soon laid the foundation for what, had his life been spared, would have been a very successful professional career.

He was made a Mason in St. John's Lodge, No. 219, F. and A. M., September 20, 1871, of which he was Worshipful Master in 1878; he was exalted in Zerubbabel Chapter, No. 162, and became a charter member of Shiloh Chapter, No. 257; he received the Cryptic Degrees in Mount Moriah Council, No. 2, of which he was Thrice Illustrious Grand Master in 1879; he was one of the first four who received the orders of Christian Knighthood in Tancred Commandery, No. 48, K. T., while under dispensation, March 24, 1873, and served as its Recorder in 1877; he received the several degrees of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite up to and including the Thirty-second Degree in May and June, 1873, and served as Secretary of all the bodies from September 4, 1873, to June 24, 1876.

He received the Order of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine in Mecca Temple in the year 1877, and was largely instrumental in organizing Syria Temple at Pittsburgh, of which he was elected Chief Rabban, an office which he continued to fill until his death. Indeed, it may be truthfully said that had it not been for his energy and zeal the Mystic Shrine might not even yet have been established at Pittsburgh. At the organization of Syria Temple he was urged to accept the office of Ill. Grand Potentate, but he positively declined, insisting, through a warm personal friendship of several years' standing, that that office should be filled by the friend who pens these lines. He was elected an Active Member of the Imperial Council on June 6, 1883, and was particularly attentive to his new honors.

Death came very suddenly, but, as we have reason to believe, not without some forewarning, to our Brother. On the 13th day of August, 1883, whilst visiting on the invitation of some friends a fishing camp near Geneva, Pa., on the Monongahela River, he rode out in a skiff to enjoy a swim. He was light-hearted and of buoyant spirit that day; the very life of a circle of select and loving friends. When ready for the water he plunged in, and was seen no more until several hours afterwards, when his lifeless body was brought up from the bottom of the river. His death is supposed to have been caused by paralysis of the heart.

Illustrious Noble Wightman was as true a man as we have ever known. His character was perfectly transparent. He was an ardent friend, but a very poor enemy. Principle was his sole guide; policy was an abomination to him. By nature he was a gentleman, with all of the qualities involved in the term. Notwithstanding his interrupted studies, his mind was well trained and disciplined. His integrity none ever questioned. His word needed no corroboration. His whole life was the embodiment of truth. We loved him dearly. This completes the story.

SAMUEL HARPER, 33°.



FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE.

THE MYSTIC SHRINE IN MALTA AND EGYPT.

The following document was transmitted to the Imperial Council, and was received and ordered to be printed with these Proceedings:

MALTA, May 6, 1885.

To DR. WALTER M. FLEMING, 33°, *Illustrious Grand Potentate of the Nobles of the Mystic Shrine in the United States of America:*

MOST FAITHFUL AND EXCELLENT NOBLE, *Es Selamu Aleikum!* I greet you with my heart and pen :

As a Representative of our Order in the Mediterranean and its adjacent territories, I take the greatest pleasure in reporting to you, and through you to our Moslem brothers in your jurisdiction, the continued, and in many places the increasing, prosperity which the last year brought to us. In all the Temples of the Mystic Shrine that I have visited, since my last report to the Imperial Council of the United States, I found the utmost good fellowship, enthusiasm, and success prevalent. In Alexandria, Egypt, the same brilliant ceremonies attend each Session of the Ancient Arabic Order (a feeble description of which I rendered you in my last Annual Report) that have made the Shrine there to have a reputation for thorough work and completeness of detail that no other Shrine in the East possesses in equal degree. This shrine is so *very* rich, both in influential Nobles and unsurpassed regalia and jewels, that it has a certain advantage over most other Eastern Shrines, which, without great wealth, they can scarce hope to equal as to magnificence and splendor of rites.

But what an unusual incentive the Nobles of Alexandria have to surpass all other Temples ! Their Shrine stands where the Ancient Palace of the Ptolemies once stood; and their robes and altars, urns and scimeters, Korans, sceptres, crescents, staves, caskets, mallets, and spears, are all hoary with age, resplendent with historic jewels and matchless gems—all having a halo of splendid association and memory about them that gives

them a value not to be reckoned by figures or enhanced by florid description. Costly gems can be bought anywhere for money, but a costly gem that once rose and fell in billowy grace upon the beautiful bosom of Egypt's most celebrated Queen cannot be purchased for gold. Such a gem our Alexandria brothers have set in the handle of a certain mace. Their battle axes, gongs, triangles, goblets, etc., each possesses not only material, but also a grand and well-proved historic value of great antiquity.

At the four corners of the Grand Standard of this Shrine are placed, in each, a topaz of great proportions, and each topaz is so exceedingly brilliant that the eye is dazzled at its startling splendor. Each one seems to have a condensed sun of glory embosomed in its glowing heart, and the rays that radiate from each are more powerful and distinct than the rays of the brightest star in the vault of heaven. Of course these four topazes are simply without price; but over and above their intrinsic worth, they are prized because of the fact that they once adorned the purple robe of that foremost Noble of the Mystic Shrine, Allah Hassan Effendi, who in the eighth century was the Illustrious Grand Potentate of the Order in Arabia, and whose memory is still cherished and honored for the good he did, and for the gallant death he died in defending his Shrine from spoliation.

A brave and good man's memory is highly venerated and tenderly nourished in the hearts of our dusky brothers in the Orient East. A valiant and charitable Noble, though dead, yet speaketh clearly to the ears of his living heirs. "No good Moslem ever dies," is a common saying in Egypt.

The Illustrious Chief Rabban of the Alexandria Shrine showed me many grateful courtesies and welcome attentions during my visit, for which I thanked him warmly. He was much interested in the account I gave him of the wonderful success of the Order in America, entreating me to convey to your Illustrious self and to all the Nobles under your enlightened sway the assurances of his most distinguished consideration and profoundest regards. The Illustrious Grand Potentate of the Shrine I unfortunately could not see, as he was confined to his house by ophthalmia. I, however, caused your letter to be conveyed to him, by the hands of Ahmad Abd-el-Reheem, the handsome and efficient *Wakil* of the Temple, who the next day came to my hotel to assure me of its delivery, and to say that the Most Illustrious would write you personally as soon as his eyes would permit.

The Shrine at Tunis has been augmented by 473 new members during the past year, and it now has over 1,500 applicants' names on its register. Many of these latter must be rejected, I am told, on account of certain unfortunate physical shortcomings. Only perfectly sound men—both sound of mind and body, and whose ancestors have clear record as regards the taint of insanity—are chosen in the Tunis Shrine.

The Temple has been greatly improved and beautified, the Great Hall having a ceiling fifty-nine feet high, gorgeously decorated with palm

branches and scenes from the life of the patron Noble Hassan, of Tebruk, whose wealth was liberally spent in adorning this, his favorite Temple. This Temple has, perhaps, the finest collection of ostrich feathers possessed by any Shrine in the East. They were plucked from seventy-five of the largest birds in Central Africa--the ostriches being immediately killed, lest they should duplicate the growth of such unusual feathers. The feathers are frosted over with tiny gems, and look as if they had been dipped in crushed diamond soup and then taken out and dried. They are carried in procession on the occasion of the feast of *Moharrum*, just in the rear of the Golden Koran, and are used here as emblematical of Truth, in much the same way the Ancient Egyptians gave them similar symbolical meaning.

Illustrious Potentate Achmet-el-Makri informed me that the income of his Shrine Temple now amounted to 150,000 francs annually, and through funds derived from gifts and bequests they had nearly 3,000,000 francs safely invested in Tunis real estate, which was yearly increasing in value, since the French occupation of the Regency. Owing to the great age of the present patriarchal-looking Achmet-el-Makri, a new Grand Potentate will be enthroned at the next Annual Conclave, and I have reason to believe that it will be his Ex-Highness, Mustapha Hamzeh, late Prime Minister to the old Bey, who will be chosen. If it so happens, the Shrine in Tunis will be fittingly led. The Oriental Guide of this Temple exhibited to me a Staff of Office, in the spear head of which is sunk a diamond which Queen Dido of near-by Carthage was believed to have been the possessor of, when she ruled over this part of Africa.

I met about a score of the Nobles one evening by appointment in the red-velvet room of the Temple, and discoursed to them of the progress the Order was making in the New World. My words were translated into Tunisian-Arabic by an interpreter for such as did not understand English. The Shayk and all the Nobles present expressed admiration and astonishment at our flourishing condition, and sent "God speeds" without number to you for your good work. It is perfectly safe to conclude that the Mystic Shrine in Tunis will have a marked and enviable record in the future annals of our Ancient Arabic Order.

Of course, while in Tunis, I paid a visit to the empty grave of the author of "Home, Sweet Home" in St. George's Cemetery, in the heart of the town. I had the honor of exhuming the remains of the illustrious author on January 5, 1883, and, at the expense of Mr. W. W. Corcoran, of Washington, sending them to his native land, where they received final and imposing burial. This grave is still a sort of Mecca to travellers in Tunis, and, though empty, has recently been marked by a fine memorial made of the "Zoncor" stone of Malta, the cost of which was covered by the same generous hand that reared the monument that now stands over Payne's bones in Washington.

I suppose it is an open secret now, that, had not Mr. Corcoran anticipated them, the Nobles of Mecca Temple, of New York City, were

prepared to erect a suitable memorial over this Tunis tomb. Indeed, I had scarcely received Mr. Corcoran's directions to build a monument, and place it, than I was notified by Noble George W. Millar, that the Nobles of Mecca were prepared to raise as many hundred dollars as I might deem necessary to cause the sacred *first* grave of our deceased Noble to be properly and substantially commemorated. Though your most meritorious intentions were made known to me too late for accomplishment, still I beg to say that I esteem the spirit that prompted your zeal of charity in the matter as worthy of lasting record! I hope the circumstance of your intended plan to mark the grave where for thirty years lay the dust of

"The man who sung the triumph hymn
Of earth's divinest love"

will be chronicled in fitting language in the written annals of Mecca Temple. Do not, in the modesty that characterizes your numberless acts of thoughtful and graceful charities, let this escape special mention in your records.

But I must bring this scattering report to a close, and will do so by briefly assuring you that in Tripoli, in Algiers, in Morocco, and in Gozo, I found the Ancient Arabic Order standing firm and beautiful on its numerous feet. In some places the uncertain steps of early youth had but just been succeeded by the solid tread and advance of early manhood; but wherever I found a Shrine of Nobles, newly-born or gray with age, I found it flourishing like a green bay tree in whose branches the birds of every clime and nation were singing Oriental Te Deums.

I shall in my next give you an account of the ceremonies attending the martyrdom of Hoseyn, Son of Aly and Grandson of the Prophet, who was slain by Yezeed, near Kerbela, in the year 61 A. H., which ceremonies I witnessed during their last annual observance in Cairo. Though shorn of many of the glories that used to environ it, the ceremony is still of sufficient significance and Oriental interest to be worth jotting down for the delectation and instruction of the Western Nobles.

In the name of the Merciful, the Compassionate, Illustrious Potentate, I now close this letter, as I began it, with the Mystic greeting, Es SELAMU ALEIKUM! May you never know grief!

Yours Fraternally,

JOHN WORTHINGTON,

*Deputy and Representative of the Imperial Council
at Malta, Mediterranean Sea.*

THE MYSTIC SHRINE IN JERUSALEM.

The following document was transmitted to the Imperial Council by Noble ALBERT L. RAWSON, Representative of the Temples in the East, and ordered to be printed in these Proceedings :

JOPPA, PALESTINE, July 10, 1884.

MY DEAR FRIEND, MR. RAWSON :

I have been your debtor for a letter for many weeks, and have but now found the time to write. On my last visit to Jerusalem the lodge was not in session, the Master, Bergheim, being absent, and I was on that account more at liberty to visit the Mystic Shrine. The temple is now in the Mohammedan quarter, not far from the Damascus Gate. I was lodging in Hornstein's Hotel, and met there Alee Zehr, who came from Damascus as a visitor from Temple Saladin. He brought good news of the work in that ancient city. It is proposed to build a stately tomb over the remains of Abd-el-Kader, and to include our Mystic Shrine emblems among its decorations.

The most important addition to the Shrine in Jerusalem is the Persian Consul, who was made a Mason by your assistance when you visited the Holy City in 1874. He received the higher degrees in Cairo under Grand Master Zola, and in Athens under Rhodokanakis. He saw your friend, Rev. P. L. Easton, at Tabreez, Persia, last summer, and learned of the existence of the Shrine from him. The present Pasha of Jerusalem thought fit to denounce the Shrine as an enemy of government, but his action raised a host of friends, bringing in many candidates. Nearly every qualified Freemason in the country is a Noble. The meetings are made delightful by the number and variety of chants and music in chorus.

The Secretary of the Spanish Consul was rejected by the Nobles because he was made a 32° in Paris. What is your rule in such cases? We have several French Nobles already who have affiliated from Marseilles.

I hope you will send me the Imperial Council Proceedings for deposit in the library of the Shrine. We have many volumes, and are adding constantly from donations of travelling Nobles. I received a letter from the American Consul, Mr. John Worthington, of Malta, giving many items of news from the Nobles in that very ancient and historical island. They have held some sessions lately in the old library hall which was robbed by the first Emperor Napoleon, the books being sent to Paris.

Ibn Balut, a silk merchant from Aleppo, who has a magazine in Jerusalem, is now here at my house, and reports that the Shrine in Haleb (Aleppo) is prosperous, having this year had the countenance of the Walee (governor) and the Kalenderee dervishes, who have formerly been opposed.

An attempt to form a temple in Port Said failed because there are only ten Nobles resident, and they cannot afford the expense of equipment, new furniture, jewels, etc. Four of them are members at Cairo, three in Jerusalem, and one belongs in Marseilles.

Hoping you read my pamphlet, and will write soon, I remain, faithfully
your friend and brother,

ROLLA FLOYD.

THE MYSTIC SHRINE IN FRANCE.

The following document was transmitted to the Imperial Council, and ordered to be printed in the Proceedings :

To WALTER M. FLEMING, 33°, *Most Illustrious Grand Potentate of the Imperial Council, Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, for the United States of America:*

ILLUSTRIOUS SIR AND BROTHER : I have recently received permission to publish the enclosed letter from the eminent scholar, ERNEST RENAN, written to me while attending the Congress of Teachers at Brussels, in 1880. Its testimony as to the artist Dore's knowledge of our Shrine is valuable to us now, since his death has removed the pledge of secrecy on our part.

A. L. RAWSON,
Representative of Temples in the East.

(TRANSLATION.)

ACADEMIE DES INSCRIPTIONS ET BELLES LETTRES,
COMMISSION DU CORPUS INSCRIPTIONUM SEMITICARUM,

PARIS, August 27, 1880.

CHER MONSIEUR : I have received your letter and the enclosed "History and Statutes of the Mystic Shrine," for which I thank you sincerely. I regret that at our last interview we did not have time in which to conclude our discussion on the lodge and its offshoots, for I had much to say which could have been said but cannot safely be written. This one word may be agreeable news to you. Our artist friend, Gustave Dore, delighted in "mystic lore," and one of his works contains many signs and symbols that are almost, if not truly, violations of the obligation of secrecy. I refer to the wonderful series illustrating the "History of the Crusades," by Michaud. Should you honor me with a call on your return from Brussels, I will tell you more about our friend's experiences in the East, where he was a most untiring student, and of which I am the happy possessor of several mementoes in the form of sketches and notes made by his own hand.

I intend to send to you at Brussels by the hand of Mr. the Editor Francolin a copy of the discourse of M. Littré on Freemasonry, delivered on the occasion of the anniversary of his reception by the Academy. I feel that you will be delighted with his high estimate of the value of the Order as a means of advancing civilization and culture. M. Littré has the honor of having first been informed by our friend Dore that he had been initiated in the Orient, and of his first having directed his attention to the evidences of such emblems and ceremonies in his works just mentioned.

Believe, dear sir, that I am your affectionate and devoted friend,

E. RENAN.

THE MYSTIC SHRINE IN THE CRUSADES.

The following document was transmitted to the Imperial Council, and ordered to be printed in the Proceedings :

NEW YORK, FIFTH AVENUE HOTEL, May 5, 1885.

Ill. Noble GEO. HENRY FELT, 234 Broadway, New York :

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER: The set of engravings by GUSTAVE DORE, apparently illustrating MICHAUD's "*History of the Crusades*," but in reality illuminating the symbolism and work of our Mystic Order, have photographed themselves so distinctly upon my mind that my impressions on first receiving those beautiful degrees in the far East are most distinctly and vividly recalled. I therein recognize perfect though esoteric representations of those impressive and romantic scenes, to which the genius of this gifted artist has added wonderful, picturesque effects, bringing out in a startling manner the hidden meaning of the obligations and penalties.

Although personally acquainted with the artist, in whose studio I have spent many pleasant hours, watching and admiring the ease and rapidity with which his speaking compositions appeared upon the canvas, I had no idea that he was familiar with the symbolism he has so clearly portrayed in these plates.

As competent artistic talent has found, by critical and careful examination, that not a trace of this symbolism or treatment is to be discovered in any other of his compositions, the fact of its not being accidental is abundantly proved in the portrayal of these plates.

I also feel perfectly confident that he would not have embodied these illustrations in a work on the CRUSADES, unless he was thoroughly convinced that this symbolism had existed anterior to that period. He was a most painstaking student and a thoroughly conscientious artist, and on seeing these plates I felt confident that he had assured himself of the foregoing facts.

It is with great pride that we now are able to acknowledge publicly our right to look upon this sublime genius as a most Illustrious Brother, as it is also a pleasure to think that he so thoroughly appreciated the beauties of our Mystic Emblems as to embody them in this series of his latest and best productions. We ought also to consider ourselves very heavily indebted to yourself for having made this important discovery and brought it so clearly to our notice.

Courteously in the Faith,

W. J. FLORENCE, 33°.

Representative of Temples in the East.

THE MYSTIC SHRINE AND GUSTAVE DORE.

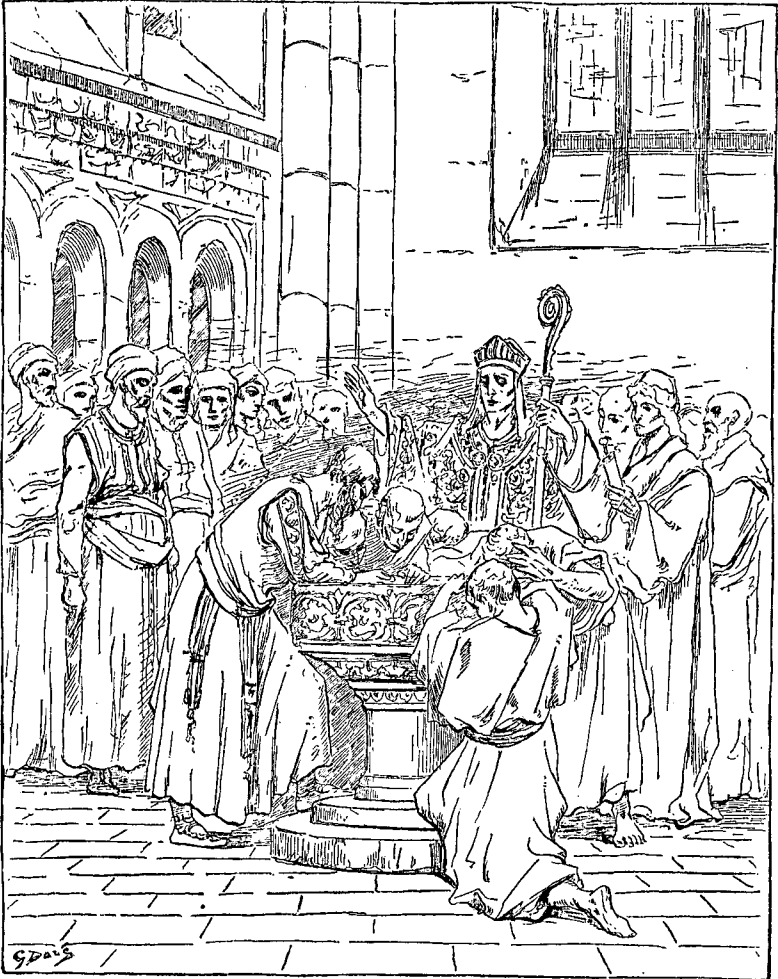
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14 EAST FOURTEENTH STREET,

NEW YORK, May 30, 1885.

DR. WALTER M. FLEMING, *M. I. Grand Potentate*:

Our Illustrious Brother and Noble W. J. FLORENCE, my associate



OUTLINE ENGRAVING (1/4 SIZE) FROM MICHAUD'S HISTORY OF THE CRUSADES.
ILLUSTRATED BY GUSTAVE DORE.

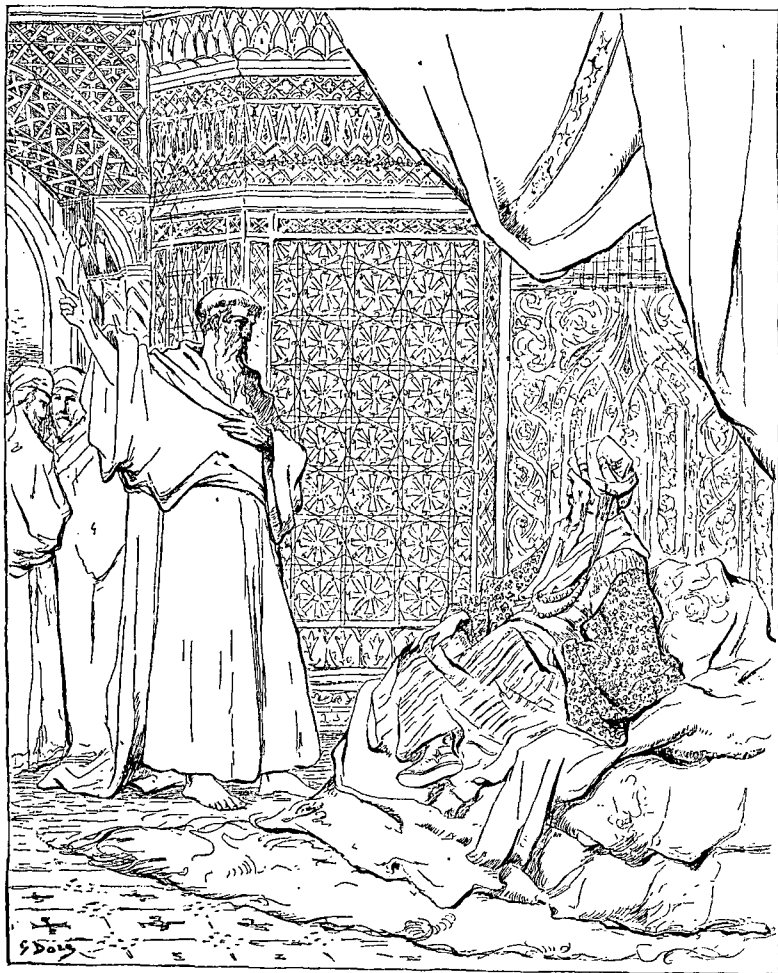
Representative of Temples in the East, has repeatedly called my attention to the supposed lapse of our late Brother and Noble the artist Gustave Dore, as appears in his designs illustrating the "*History of the Crusades*," written by MICHAUD, which are now being published in this country. I have, as often as the subject has been brought up, replied that an artist is always on his honor to do the best he can in such a work, and that Dore,

*I think it best to print this letter in the Proceedings for information.—W. M. F.

knowing as much as he did about Oriental orders, from membership in many of them, could not have conscientiously done less than he has in that series and have been true to the facts and the spirit of his theme.

It was all the more necessary for him to keep the secret as to any spoken or written word, and in that he has never been questioned.

Noble Florence writes in his recent letter, referring to the engravings just mentioned: "I therein recognize perfect though esoteric representa-



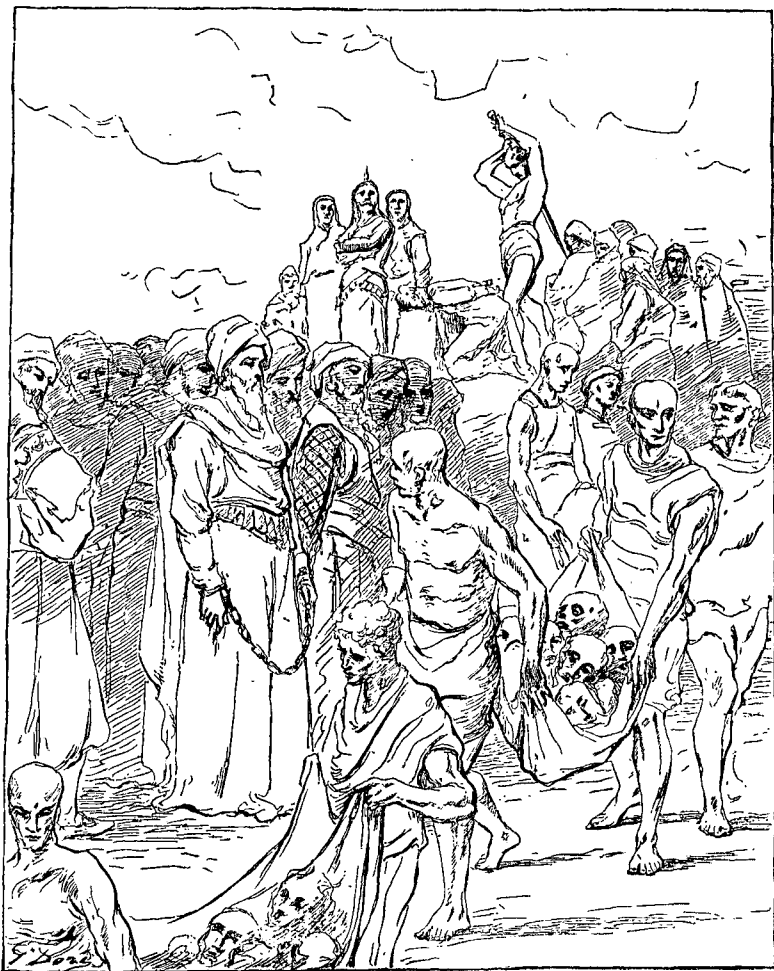
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tions of those impressive and romantic scenes, to which the genius of that gifted artist has added wonderful, picturesque effects, bringing out in a startling manner the hidden meaning of the obligations and penalties." I doubt very much the expediency of publishing this and several other passages of the letter now before me, because they may *mislead the profane*, and we should never willingly do that.

The real value to us of the work of Dore is the evidence that the engrav-

ings afford us that the artist had accepted the fact as historical that the Order of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine was in existence at the time of the Crusades. Every Noble will therefore value those engravings for their internal evidence of the high antiquity of the Shrine

It is not surprising that Noble Florence failed to discover the secret in his visits to the studio of Dore. The artist knew how to keep a secret, and he also chose the very best means of telling as much as can safely be put into a picture, for he always kept within due bounds as to his obligation.



OUTLINE ENGRAVING (1/4 SIZE) FROM MICHAUD'S HISTORY OF THE CRUSADES.
ILLUSTRATED BY GUSTAVE DORE.

Certain quotations from Mohammedan authors by Michaud lead us to believe that he also was a Noble, as we know he was a Brother, and of the grade of the Thirty-second Degree.

Gustave Dore never violated an obligation of any kind, either in secret societies or in business, and he would not have aided in the least the author Michaud in exposing the Shrine. The pictures that he bought and

destroyed were "first thoughts," and probably did go too far in the exposure of the symbols.

I have several hundred proof engravings in different books illustrated by Dore, and, after looking carefully through them all, do not find any hint of the Shrine, except in the series now in the "Crusades," by Michaud. Our Brother, Noble Felt, seems to have been the first to discover and report the "Shrine pictures" in the "Crusades." These pictures will aid us in con-



OUTLINE ENGRAVING ($\frac{1}{4}$ SIZE) FROM MICHAUD'S HISTORY OF THE CRUSADES.
ILLUSTRATED BY GUSTAVE DORE.

vincing our enemies that the order is no "thing of yesterday," but an order that challenges even the royal families of Europe to exhibit a pedigree of equal antiquity.

Courteously submitted,

ALBERT L. RAWSON,
Representative of Temples in the East.

ATTENTION is called to the following Decree, which was issued on the date given below, and sent to all Officials and Temples for their guidance:

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TO ALL ILLUSTRIOUS POTENTATES, RABBANS, SCHERIFS,
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Whereas circumstances having recently transpired, whereby Temple Notices have inadvertently appeared in an irregular manner, which have tended to subject the same to ridicule, official notice is hereby given, that, in order to preserve the dignity of the Order and authenticity of its issues, all Officials, Imperial and Subordinate, are hereby charged to carefully observe that all Official Temple Notices, Cards, Circular Letters, By-laws, and Communications, whatsoever, or issues bearing Symbols, Mottoes, Insignia, Titles, Observances, or Data, be authentic and historically correct in each and every instance and particular, and faithfully to avoid, and refrain from, any and all farcical burlesques, friivolities, and profanations in both public and private issues.

All Officials of Subordinate Temples, not conversant with the Arabic Calendar, Titles, Feasts, Observances, and Symbolisms, may be enlightened by application to the Illustrious Recorder of the Imperial Council, who will furnish the same.

Strict observance of this Edict is imperative.

Issued under our hand and Seal this 15th day of March, 1884—Jamaz ul Awwal 17, 1301.

WALTER M. FLEMING,
IMPERIAL POTENTATE.

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No. of Members (Dispensation March 13, 1884), 8.

ORIENTAL TEMPLE, TROY, N. Y.

Jesse B. Anthony.....	Grand Potentate.
Lee Chamberlin.....	Chief Rabban.
Levi H. Button.....	Assistant Rabban.
William R. Hyde.....	High Priest.
Theodore E. Haslehurst.....	Oriental Guide.
Gorton P. Cozzens (deceased).....	Treasurer.
Edward B. Cox.....	Recorder.
Alexander B. King.....	First Cer. Master.
George F. Greene.....	Second Cer. Master.
William F. Robertson.....	Marshal.
Joseph W. Smart.....	Captain of Guard.
Charles Teson.....	Outer Guard.

No. of Members, 18.

PYRAMID TEMPLE, BRIDGEPORT, CONN.

Julius W. Knowlton.....	Grand Potentate.
Stephen T. Bartlett.....	Chief Rabban.
Andrew H. Doolittle.....	Assistant Rabban.
Hobart W. Watson.....	High Priest.
Alpheus D. Dutton.....	Oriental Guide.
Henry Gardner.....	Treasurer.
E. Stewart Sumner.....	Recorder.
Hugh Stirling.....	First Cer. Master.
Charles E. Wilmot.....	Second Cer. Master.
William J. Dorrance.....	Marshal.
Civillon Fones.....	Captain of Guard.
Sturges D. Beers.....	Outer Guard.

No. of Members, 52.

PYRAMID TEMPLE, DAVENPORT, IOWA.

Frank W. Angel.....	Grand Potentate.
Henry Carse.....	Chief Rabban.
George P. Marvin.....	Assistant Rabban.
Lewis P. Dosh.....	High Priest.
William H. Smith.....	Oriental Guide.
Frank S. Hastings.....	Treasurer.
Cornelius J. Brown.....	Recorder.
Frederick W. Lerch.....	First Cer. Master.
John N. Davis.....	Second Cer. Master.
Thomas Murray.....	Marshal.
Levi H. Whitson.....	Captain of Guard.
William F. Zimmerman.....	Outer Guard.

No. of Members, 25.

SALAAM TEMPLE, OLNEY, ILL.

William H. Curtin	Grand Potentate.
H. M. Hall.....	Chief Rabban.
Gideon D. Slanker.....	Assistant Rabban.
John Von Gunter, Jr.....	High Priest.
Henry Studer.....	Oriental Guide.
John Kuster	Treasurer.
William F. Beck.....	Recorder.
Aden Knopp.....	First Cer. Master.
Philip Raling.....	Second Cer. Master.
N. S. Marshall	Marshal.
Charles Ferriman.....	Captain of Guard.
Frank Powers.....	Outer Guard.
W. J. A. De Lancey.....	Director.

No. of Members (Dispensation Jan. 1, 1884), 13.

SYRIA TEMPLE, PITTSBURGH, PA.

Samuel Harper.....	Grand Potentate.
James E. Stevenson.....	Chief Rabban.
Americus V. Holmes	Assistant Rabban.
Geter V. Shidle.....	High Priest.
William S. Brown.....	Oriental Guide.
Joseph Eichbaum.....	Treasurer.
J. Lilond Lytle.....	Recorder.
Thomas H. Phelps.....	First Cer. Master.
Henry C. Shallenberger.....	Second Cer. Master.
Henry H. Arnold.....	Marshal.
George W. Haslett.....	Captain of Guard.
George C. Johnstone.....	Outer Guard.

No. of Members, 82.

SYRIAN TEMPLE, CINCINNATI, OHIO.

William B. Melish	Grand Potentate.
Charles H. Flach.....	Chief Rabban.
Edward W. Masterson.....	Assistant Rabban.
Sherwood B. Markland	High Priest.
Charles H. Fisk	Oriental Guide.
Thomas Kite, Jr.....	Treasurer.
James A. Collins.....	Recorder.
Henry G. Ellis.....	First Cer. Master.
Lewis H. McCammon.....	Second Cer. Master.
Albert Snyder.....	Marshal.
George W. Armstrong, Jr.....	Captain of Guard.
Theodore F. Nieman.....	Outer Guard.

No. of Members, 153.

ZIYARA TEMPLE, UTICA N. Y.

Frazier W. Hurlburt.....Grand Potentate.
Taliesin EvansChief Rabban.
Edward A. Tallman..... Assistant Rabban.
Theodore W. Bolles.....Oriental Guide.
Charles E. Barnard.....Treasurer.
Thomas Jay Griffiths.....Recorder.
Jacob J. Davis..... First Cer. Master.
Henry R. Davis.....Second Cer. Master.
H. Gilbert Hart.....Marshal.
John Griffiths (deceased).....Captain of Guard.
David J. Evans.....Outer Guard.

No. of Members 10.

MEDINA TEMPLE, ATCHISON, KANSAS.

Joseph A. Greenawalt.....Grand Potentate.

No Report.

MOHAMMED TEMPLE, NEW HAVEN, CONN.

No Report.

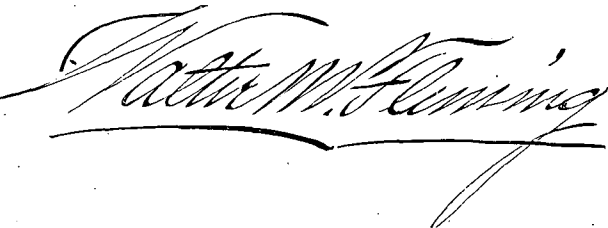
CLOSING OF IMPERIAL COUNCIL.

On motion, the reading of the Proceedings was dispensed with.

The Imperial Council was closed in Ample Form, with due Invocation and Declaration.

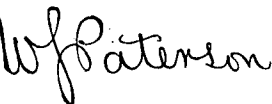
PUBLICATION.

The Proceedings of this Annual Session are hereby approved for publication.

M. I. GRAND POTENTATE.

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ILL. GRAND RECORDER.

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NEW TEMPLES
ESTABLISHED 1884-85.

KOSAIR TEMPLE, LOUISVILLE, KY.

WILLIAM RYAN, Grand Potentate.

TRIPOLI TEMPLE, MILWAUKEE, WIS.

HENRY L. PALMER, Grand Potentate.

JERUSALEM TEMPLE, NEW ORLEANS, LA.

ALFRED SHAW, Grand Potentate.

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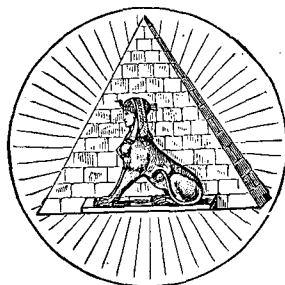
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FOR THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

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CLEVELAND, O.	
WILLIAM B. MELISH.....	<i>Grand Chief Rabban,</i>
CINCINNATI, O.	
D. BURNHAM TRACY.....	<i>Grand Assistant Rabban,</i>
DETROIT, MICH.	
WILLIAM H. WHITING.....	<i>Grand High Priest and Prophet,</i>
ROCHESTER, N. Y.	
JAMES MCGEE.....	<i>Grand Oriental Guide,</i>
NEW YORK, N. Y.	
JOSEPH M. LEVEY.....	<i>Grand Treasurer,</i>
NEW YORK, N. Y.	
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BRIDGEPORT, CONN.	
CHARLES H. FLACH.....	<i>Grand Second Ceremonial Master,</i>
CINCINNATI, O.	
WILLIAM E. FITCH.....	<i>Grand Marshal,</i>
ALBANY, N. Y.	
THOMAS MCCOUBRAY, JR.....	<i>Grand Captain of the Guard,</i>
BALTIMORE, MD.	
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CORUNNA, MICH.	
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NOBLES OF THE MYSTIC SHRINE,

قليم عربي اخويه اشرف لامن سري مسزيد

For the United States of America.

GRAND ORIENT, NEW YORK.

ELEVENTH ANNUAL SESSION—1885.

THE Eleventh Annual Session of the Imperial Council for the United States of America, pursuant to Resolution of February 4, 1880, was held at the Grand Orient, City of New York, N. Y., at Al Beyt Ullahi 'l-Haram of Mecca Temple, in the Masonic Temple, on Nahar el Khamis, the 20th day of the ninth Arabic month of Shaaban, A. H. 1302, corresponding to Thursday, the 4th day of June, A. D. 1885, at 2 o'clock P. M., and in accordance with the notice issued to all Officers, Members, and Temples, as follows :

OFFICE OF IMPERIAL POTENTATE,
NEW YORK, May 1, 1885.

ILLUSTRIOUS NOBLE :

The Imperial Council for the United States of America will hold its Eleventh Annual Session in the City of New York, on Thursday, June 4, 1885, at Masonic Temple, at 2 o'clock, P. M.

Very important business will be transacted. It is earnestly hoped that the Officers and the Representatives will be in attendance.

DIPLOMAS.—All individual Members of the Order, not provided with DIPLOMAS, are referred to Section XXI., Statutes and Regulations, by which they are entitled to Diplomas *when their Temples return their Names WITH THE INITIATION FEE*, as provided by Sections XXI. and XXXIX. The Illustrious Grand Potentates of all Subordinate Temples are responsible for the enforcement of the requirements of the Statutes and Regulations, and particularly of the Sections referred to. The sources from which the revenues of the Imperial Council are derived are largely represented by these Sections.

NEW DIPLOMAS.—We have the pleasure of announcing that through the kindness of Illustrious Noble GEORGE W. MILLAR, of the Directory, the Imperial Council have been enabled to procure *three thousand Diplomas*, and they will be ready for engrossing within two weeks at the latest, when all orders which have been received and to come will be promptly filled and delivered.

RETURNS.—The Presiding Officer of each Subordinate Temple is hereby requested to direct his Illustrious Recorder to make out a *complete list of Membership of the Temple, with date of each initiation*, to December 31, 1884, and to make such return to this Grand Body on or before its coming Annual Session, June 4, 1885, ACCOMPANIED WITH THE INITIATION FEE FOR EVERY INITIATE, when Diplomas for every Member will be immediately filled out by the Imperial Recorder and forwarded to their respective Temples *Temples that have made full Returns need only give list of new Members*. See Sections XXI. and XXXIX.

DEPUTIES.—Deputies who were elected at the Annual Session of 1883 are particularly requested to note the fact that, before exercising their prerogatives, they *must qualify* and receive the Warrant of Authority and Ritual from the Imperial Council, and their duties are defined in Section XX. of the Statutes and Regulations. A number of the Deputies have *not* yet qualified; therefore, to ensure tenure of office, prompt attention to this provision will be necessary.

Your presence at this coming Session of the Imperial Council is fraternally solicited.

Courteously yours in the Shrine,

WALTER M. FLEMING, 33°,

WILLIAM S. PATERSON, 33°,
IMPERIAL RECORDER.

IMPERIAL POTENTATE.

PRESENT.

OFFICERS.

III. WALTER M. FLEMING,	M. I. Grand Potentate.
" SAM BRIGGS,	Deputy Grand Potentate.
" WILLIAM B. MELISH,	Grand Chief Rabban.
" DANIEL E. HUGHES,	as Grand Assistant Rabban.
" WILLIAM H. WHITING,	Grand High Priest & Prophet.
" JAMES MCGEE,	Grand Oriental Guide.
" JOSEPH M. LEVÉY,	Grand Treasurer.
" WILLIAM S. PATERSON,	Grand Recorder.
" JULIUS W. KNOWLTON,	Grand First Cer. Master.
" CHARLES H. FLACH,	Grand Second Cer. Master.
" WILLIAM E. FITCH,	Grand Marshal.
" EDWARD B. JORDAN,	as Grand Captain of the Guard.
" THOMAS J. LEIGH,	as Grand Outer Guard.
" STEPHEN W. SWIFT,	Grand Assistant Guard.

DIRECTORY:

Noble JOSEPH B. EAKINS,
" SAM BRIGGS.
" GEORGE W. MILLAR.

ACTIVE MEMBERS.

Noble JESSE B. ANTHONY,
" ARTHUR R. BLAKESLEE,
" SAM BRIGGS,
" JOSEPH B. EAKINS,
" WILLIAM E. FITCH,
" WALTER M. FLEMING,
" CHARLES H. HEYZER,
" EDWARD B. JORDAN,
" JULIUS W. KNOWLTON,
" JOSEPH M. LEVÉY,
" GEORGE F. LODER,
" JAMES MCGEE,
" WILLIAM B. MELISH,
" GEORGE W. MILLAR,
" WILLIAM S. PATERSON,
" WILLIAM H. WHITING.

EMERITI.

Noble CHARLES T. MCCLENACHAN.
" ALBERT L. RAWSON.

REPRESENTATIVES OF TEMPLES.

Noble SAM BRIGGS,	.	.	.	.	Al Koran Temple.
" WILLIAM E. FITCH,	.	.	.	.	Cyprus Temple.
" GEORGE F. LODER,	.	.	.	.	Damascus Temple.
" DANIEL E. HUGHES,	.	.	.	.	Lu Lu Temple.
" WALTER M. FLEMING,	.	.	.	.	Mecca Temple.
" JAMES H. THOMPSON,	.	.	.	.	Medinah Temple.
" JESSE B. ANTHONY,	.	.	.	.	Oriental Temple.
" JULIUS W. KNOWLTON,	.	.	.	.	Pyramid Temple.
" THOMAS KIPE, Jr.,	.	.	.	.	Syria Temple.
" WILLIAM B. MELISH,	.	.	.	.	Syrian Temple.

DEPUTIES.

Noble JEROME B. BORDEN,	.	.	.	.	New Jersey.
" SAM BRIGGS,	.	.	.	.	Ohio.
" JOSEPH B. EAKINS,	.	.	.	.	New York.
" EDWARD B. JORDAN,	.	.	.	.	Pennsylvania.
" JOSEPH M. LEVÉY,	.	.	.	.	New York.
" WILLIAM B. MELISH,	.	.	.	.	Ohio.
" GEORGE SCOTT,	.	.	.	.	New Jersey.
" JAMES H. THOMPSON,	.	.	.	.	Illinois.

REPRESENTATIVE FOR EASTERN COUNTRIES.

Noble ALBERT L. RAWSON.

PAST ACTIVE MEMBERS.

Noble ALBERT L. RAWSON,
 " GEORGE SCOTT,
 " JOHN D. WILLIAMS.

VISITORS.

And a large number of the Nobles of the Order, who were visitors from various parts of the United States.

OPENING.

The Imperial Council in annual session was opened in full Ceremonial Form.

The GRAND HIGH PRIEST AND PROPHET delivered the solemn Invocation of the Order.

The Imperial Council was declared open in Ample Form, and in order for business.

ADMISSION OF NOBLES.

On motion of Noble JAMES MCGEE, it was—

Resolved, That Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, properly accredited, be, and they are hereby, invited to be present during the Session of the Imperial Council.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE TENTH ANNUAL SESSION.

The Grand Recorder announced that the Proceedings of the Tenth Annual Session had been printed and sent to all Members of the Imperial Council, and to all Temples.

On motion, the reading of the last Annual Proceedings was dispensed with.

On motion of Noble GEORGE W. MILLAR, it was—

Resolved, That the Proceedings of the Tenth Annual Session, as printed, be, and they are hereby, approved and adopted.

ANNUAL ADDRESS.

The Most Illustrious Grand Potentate, WALTER M. FLEMING, submitted and delivered the following Annual Address :

NEW YORK, June 1, 1885.

TO THE OFFICERS, REPRESENTATIVES, AND ILLUSTRIOUS NOBLES OF
THE IMPERIAL COUNCIL OF THE ANCIENT ARABIC ORDER OF THE
NOBLES OF THE MYSTIC SHRINE :

ILLUSTRIOUS SIRs: Again I greet you in conclave of our Imperial Body, and congratulate you upon the privilege of your presence at our Eleventh Annual Session of this Council. It is now one year since we assembled the last time, to deliberate upon the requirements of our Subordinate Representatives, and as a Congress to adjudicate upon all that may, in your wisdom, seem best for the welfare, harmony, and prosperity of the Order throughout the Western Hemisphere. The result of the previous deliberations of this Council is now manifest in many ways, and through our entire jurisdiction evincing the great good and unparalleled success of our cause. With the hope and belief of a continuance of wise dispensations, good government, and earnest zeal in the well being of the Institution, we feel assured that a growing achievement of many new advantages and continued success will henceforth accrue to our already established existence, and promote a longevity that shall prove invulnerable, either from the attacks of our adversaries, the imprudences of our members, or the innovations of time.

CONDITION OF THE ORDER.

During the past year, the advancement of the Shrine has been most satisfactory and gratifying. New Territory is constantly being developed, and the growing interest of the membership is palpable in all

sections. Much interest is manifested by newly established Temples, also by many, eligible, desiring to open Temples in new localities. There is an unusual bond of alliance, or Fraternal feeling, developing between the Temples of the different localities both adjacent and remote; and a constant interchange of courtesy and hospitality is the result, thus gradually forming an exchange of communication, sentiment, and fraternal affection.

In my last Annual Address I refer particularly to the expediency of appointing the Grand Recorder in regular position, under stipulated and fair compensation, to assume all the duties of Scribe, to answer and keep on file all letters of inquiry, and act as general correspondent for the Council, and thereby relieve the Presiding Officer of the arduous duties of this branch. I again call the attention of the Council to this subject, and recommend the adoption of the above proposition.

I also desire to call the attention of the proper committees to the fact that there are still some deficiencies on the part of Deputies and Potentates in making their proper returns. The Directory also will please look to the enforcement of the Statutes and Regulations, to further promote a just observance of the same, by recommending a careful perusal of the Laws by all subordinates in authority.

THE FRATERNAL DEAD.

During the past year, we have been again favored by an all-wise Providence, and Death has made but little inroad into our ranks. During the current year, up to the present writing, but one of our number has been called to the Unseen Temple.

This one to whom I refer, and in memory of whom it becomes my duty to commemorate, was so well known to all or nearly all of our Active Membership as to require no eulogy from my pen, to exemplify the noble and estimable character of Illustrious John S. Dickerman, of the city of Albany, a member of the Shrine, and of this Imperial Council from its beginning.

Illustrious Noble Dickerman was born in Troy, N. Y., on January 7, 1833. From childhood he was a resident of Albany, where he died on January 21, 1885. His zeal and interest in Masonry was well known by all who were acquainted with him. His activity in the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite secured for him the Thirty-third and Last Degree, at the Altar of the Supreme Council for the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction, on the 19th of June, 1869. His genial disposition, ready wit, and courteous bearing won for him the love of all his fellows. The duty of setting apart a memorial page to this estimable Noble's memory, I shall assign to a competent committee.

I desire at this time also to notice the demise of one of our disciples, although not an active member of this Imperial Council. He was a member of Mecca Temple, and had attained the Thirty-third Degree of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite, he having received that exalted

Degree at the same time and at the same altar with your humble servant on September 19, 1872. I refer to Illustrious Noble William V. Alexander, who died May 5, 1885, in the sixty-fifth year of his age. This was indeed a true friend, a zealous Mason, and an estimable gentleman, beloved by all, and disliked by none, one whose death wrought sincere sorrow in the hearts of all who knew him.

TRANSACTIONS OF GRAND OFFICERS.

At the headquarters of your Presiding Officer the correspondence has continued to increase in magnitude during the past year almost beyond the ability as to time and proper detail of reply on my part; therefore, the request heretofore made to place these matters in the hands of the Imperial Recorder, with a salary that will compensate him for the devotion of his entire time and attention to the now many requirements of this Imperial Council. I will not emerge into the details of all duties and the incidents of correspondence allied thereto, as they were specifically enumerated in my last Annual Address.

The official functions of the Directory have been exercised, and carefully so, in the adjudication and amicable adjustment of all irregularities and trivial differences that have arisen, and there have been but few, and those few of comparatively slight nature, during the last year. As an Advisory Council, Executive Commission, and Court of Resort, they have fulfilled all the duties devolving upon them in an admirable and commendable manner, and thus proved the great service of the commission as a Board of Equity.

Our Imperial Recorder, during many years past, and more particularly the past year, has been subjected to very many perplexities and vicissitudes, on account of his inability to meet all demands, particularly for certificates of membership or diplomas. The old supply having been exhausted, and the new order not issued, it has been beyond his power to comply with this demand, until recently through the personal efforts and assistance of Illustrious Noble George W. Millar, of the Directory Staff, who personally assumed the responsibility of the necessary engraving and production of the cuts. The Recorder is now supplied with the necessary diploma blanks to rapidly issue the same, and soon to have every Noble throughout the jurisdiction in possession of his credentials.

In regard to the various other details of the Recorder's routine of duty, I know from my own personal experience and observance of the exacting upon his time, that the burden of the various requirements upon him, together with his regular business duties, is more of a burden than he can well bear. Hence the earnest suggestion of regularly employing him, even if in conjunction with some other secretaryship of a prerequisite character which would not interfere with our interests. Under all the adverse circumstances which our Recorder has been laboring, he is eminently worthy all consideration, instead of the censure to which he

has been so unjustly subjected for some time past, particularly as he has made many personal sacrifices, and advances, to endeavor to keep pace with all the exactions, to comply with which was simply impossible by the Imperial Council, because of the delinquencies of a large number of its subordinates. I therefore desire to make this statement of facts, to partially at least ameliorate the odium which has been unjustly cast upon the over-burdened Recorder.

I sincerely trust, that henceforth the returns and adjustments of Subordinate Obligations to the Imperial Council will establish an exchequer that will amply provide for all issues and necessary outlays as a Body, and thereby avoid the necessity of assumption of responsibility on the part of any one or more Officers of the Council. The past *condition* of the Treasury and its results during about ten years of incubation, cannot be readily comprehended, except by the *Directory*, the *Recorder*, and your Imperial Potentate, who have in turn had long and palpable proofs of the annoyances consequent upon assuming the personal responsibilities of cashiers for the entire Institution.

DISPENSATIONS AND CHARTERS.

Under the head of Dispensations and Charters, there are many incidental and unimportant details in the exercise of official duty which are unnecessary to recapitulate here. I shall, therefore, revert to such as are of moment and interest only, as a matter of both information and reference.

On July 28, 1884, I granted Dispensation to Illustrious Noble William H. Whiting, of Damascus Temple, Rochester, N. Y., our Illustrious Grand High Priest and Prophet, to confer the Order of the Shrine and institute a Temple of the Order in the city of Buffalo, N. Y., from which I have heard no subsequent report. I am therefore unable to state whether said authority was exercised.

November 3, 1884, Dispensation was granted to William Ryan, 33°, and others, of Louisville, Ky., to organize a Temple of the Order in that city, under the title of Kosair Temple.

November 17, 1884, Authority was asked and granted to Lu Lu Temple of Philadelphia, Pa., to receive applicants and ballot for applicants at a Special Session, November 26, 1884.

March 9, 1885, I granted Dispensation for forming and opening a Temple in Milwaukee, Wis., to Henry L. Palmer, 33°, and others, under the title of Tripoli Temple. On March 28, I appointed, as Deputy for the State of Wisconsin, Illustrious Noble Henry L. Palmer, 33°, of Tripoli Temple, Milwaukee, Wis. Illustrious Noble Palmer has the honor of holding the exalted position of Most Puissant Sovereign Grand Commander of the Supreme Council of the Thirty-third and Last Degree of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite for the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction of the United States. We, therefore, welcome him to our

Official Corps as an honorable and able officer, an eminent Mason, and an estimable gentleman.

On March 30, 1885, Dispensation was granted to Alfred Shaw, 33°, and others, of New Orleans, La., to form and open a Temple of the Order in that city under the title of Jerusalem Temple.

The new Temples under dispensation, I am informed, are organized, partially if not wholly equipped, and give every indication of prosperous longevity. I have at the present time an extensive correspondence, which promises the formation of other Temples in new territory, and the evidences of a continued extension of the Order are exceedingly promising.

FINANCE AND ACCOUNTS.

The financial status of this Imperial Council, I am happy to state, is better than at any time in its previous history. The long and tedious struggle it has undergone, to ensure establishment under formidable disadvantages, limited sources of revenue, and tardy returns, even from its circumscribed resources, has been overcome, and its subordinate Temples, with rapidly increasing membership, are now sufficient to meet all exigencies, and all that is now required are the prompt returns from the Temple Representatives, to secure a continued success, independent of the requirement of personal advancements by its officers and members. It is therefore desirable that such returns be made promptly, thereby averting many of the vicissitudes of the long past, and provide for us an office, with its Recording Official at our Grand Orient, that will expedite our labors and reflect credit upon our Institution.

GRIEVANCE AND APPEAL.

Under this caption, I am happy to say, there is but little to call your attention to. The misunderstandings during the past year have been few and unimportant, and the necessity of appeal for adjudication none. The trivial grievances which have arisen have been corrected by the able executive power of the Directory, who have with a masterly wisdom poured the oil of placidity upon the troubled waters of dissension, and all is well.

The decision of the Directory, something more than a year since, in regard to the returns from Temples, Diploma fees, etc., will be found embodied at length in my Annual Address of May, 1884, and all arrearages remaining unsettled are subservient to the aforesaid provision. The proper committee is respectfully referred to that clause, to promote a prompt and speedy liquidation of funds due the Council at this time.

JURISPRUDENCE AND LAWS.

Our Statutes and Regulations, as now issued, if well observed, preclude the possibility of a violation by error. Hence, if infringements occur, they are either intentional, from ignorance, or an improper

understanding of such provisions. The duties of each officer are there qualified, and all delinquencies should be subservient to its authoritative remedy. As to the subject matter of Active Memberships, Emeriti, and Past Actives, my last Annual Address contains an exhaustive *resume* of the subject, qualifying the tenure of office, together with all the details appertaining thereto, to which I respectfully refer for information on that point.

REPORTS OF DEPUTIES.

Through our Illustrious Grand Recorder I am informed that there are several of our Deputies who have not lawfully qualified for their official positions, either from a misunderstanding of what is really required of them, or from neglect and inattention to the primary principles governing Deputies. I would respectfully suggest that the committee upon whom devolve the duties of correcting these irregularities, assume the responsibility of settling these arrangements aright, and pursue a course that cannot leave these requirements misunderstood. It is the first important step to refer all Deputies to Section XX. of the Statutes and Regulations. I will take the liberty of again referring to the last Annual Address on this particular subject.

RITUAL.

Our Ritual, as now in use, requires little or no rearrangement. It is terse, plain, and unmistakable, easily comprehended with little study, and evidently fills each and every portion of the ceremony, to the entire satisfaction of the officers and membership, and no suggestions or complaints are heard. It requires no revision or pruning. When rendered intelligently, it imparts a beautiful and impressive ceremony that needs no embellishment, conveys no obscure sentiment, and is at once all that could be desired as an authentic translation. I desire while upon this subject to call the attention of the Directory to the necessity of exacting from all Potentates, Officers, and Deputies the fulfilment of their duties as to collecting and securing all Rituals in the hands of retiring officers, placing them in the possession of the proper custodian of the Temple's effects, or in the hands of the newly elected officials requiring them.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

Under this final title, Illustrious Nobles, I will briefly acquit myself of what seems entitled to recognition at this time, and not detain you with a lengthy recapitulation of matters already provided for.

Peace and prosperity has characterized our progress thus far, to an unusual degree in so complicated a series of routine as surrounds all the details of our Institution. Let it so continue, and let each strive to adjust all differences which may arise, without the necessity of official judgment. Such has been the course particularly during the last year, and it is evidently a most praiseworthy course to pursue. Bear with each

other's infirmities, and let the better nature prevail, and there will be no differences. Mild manners will achieve more than wrath. Conflict in our ranks is thus far unknown. So let us continue, and our unprecedented success is assured. The Charity of the institution is excelled by none; unostentatious and prompt charitable acts are of daily occurrence, without debate or discord, but, silently and timely, the helping hand is extended, and no herald proclaims it as another noble deed accomplished. It does its work, and the reward is an approving conscience.

Our ranks are fast filling. We know of no more scoffers. The ridiculers of the past, who have been purified and healed, and made acceptable to us as fellows, have united with us, and stand *first* as enthusiasts in the cause. We are an acknowledged power, and fast increasing, far beyond our most sanguine expectations.

The Shrine is the enterprising, progressive, and popular Order of the day, and accessions to our ranks are fast, far, and wide. The Crescent Emblem is becoming almost universal among the eligible, and our members are as the Sands of the Desert—Legion.

I cannot refrain at this time from mentioning the zeal which has characterized some of our Temples of the Shrine, prominent among which stands "Lu Lu" Temple of Philadelphia, who have erected a beautifully decorated Temple, in the city of Philadelphia, which the Officers Local of this Imperial Council had the honor of dedicating with full ceremony, to the cause of the Invisibles of the Shrine. Great credit is due the enterprising Nobles of our sister city for their great achievement.

Among the other enterprising Temples may be mentioned "Al Koran" of Cleveland, Ohio, "Islam" Temple of San Francisco, Cal., "Medinah" Temple of Chicago, "Pyramid" Temple of Bridgeport, Conn., "Syria" of Pittsburgh, Pa., "Syrian" of Cincinnati, "Boumi" of Baltimore, "Murat" of Indianapolis, and last, but not least, "Mecca" of New York.

In the interchange of visitation and reunion, courtesy and hospitality reign supreme. The door of generosity is ever open, and the great contention seems to be as to who shall excel in bounteous hospitality. And still the Official Corps of this Imperial Council and Mecca Temple of this city remain the debtors of the sister Temples, who have held us always under obligation, if obligation for kindest hospitality can exist at all. Even from the distant Island of Malta, in the Mediterranean, comes the courtesy by pen which cannot be dispensed at the festive board, and many and beautiful are the kindly sentiments transmitted, which are both food and beverage to any recipient who is an admirer of true and earnest enthusiasm in our Faith.

Finally, Illustrious Nobles, in bringing my address to a close, I can but congratulate you on our status of to-day.

We have passed the shoals of uncertainty, and have matured to an institution of recognized authority. The material to surround our altars

and assume "the Arab's vow" is fast increasing. They are daily becoming eligible by espousing our prerequisites, solely as the threshold to the Sanctuaries of the Shrine. It is the goal to which many aspirants, even "the profane"—technically speaking, the novice—tread the rugged path, up from the humble Entered Apprentice through all the labyrinths of the Lodge, the Chapter of the Royal Arch, and the Soldier of the Cross, or by the course of the Hebrew letter Z to Perfection, journeying with the Princes of Jerusalem to the Knighthood of the Rose Croix, onward to the Noachite and the Sublime Prince of the Royal Secret, at last to reach the Catafalque of the Shrine.

This is not a fable, Illustrious Nobles; it is an indisputable fact, and one of which we should feel justly proud. We are no longer seeking, but we are daily sought. Therefore, let our works continue such as shall entitle those who seek our altars to justly say, "I have come, and am content."

My Dear Illustrious Nobles, as I near the end of my address, let me once again give you the assurance of my appreciation of your patient attention, your unwavering support, and your unvarying kindness to me as your Presiding Officer.

During the cycle of ten years that you have honored me with your voices and your goodly counsel, I can but say your patience is still unruffled, your confidence still unshaken, and your support still unfaltering. That I realize and appreciate it you all know full well; to protest *too much* would imply a possibility of a doubt; therefore, I will only say I am proud of your confidence, and will endeavor to prove worthy of your faith.

I commend me to you, believe me earnest in my kindly wishes to you all, with a jealous interest for the well-being of our goodly cause in every section of our jurisdiction.

With an earnest God speed, I am as ever, yours to command in the faith,

WALTER M. FLEMING,

M. I. GRAND POTENTATE.

ADDRESS REFERRED TO SPECIAL COMMITTEE.

On motion of Noble CHARLES H. HEYZER, it was—

Resolved, That the Annual Address of the M. I. Grand Potentate be received, and referred to a Special Committee for subdivision and for reference to the appropriate Committees.

COMMITTEE ON ADDRESS.

The M. I. Grand Potentate appointed as the Special Committee on Address:

Noble CHARLES H. HEYZER,

" JEROME B. BORDEN,

" GEORGE SCOTT.

ADDRESS TO BE PRINTED.

On motion of Noble GEORGE W. MILLAR, it was—

Resolved, That two hundred and fifty copies of the Annual Address be printed, and distributed to the Members and Nobles.

In accordance with the Resolution, the Annual Address was printed and distributed to all present.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

The M. · I. · Grand Potentate appointed the following Standing Committees for the ensuing year :

I.—Transactions of the Grand Officers.

Noble CHARLES T. McCLENACHAN,
“ GEORGE SCOTT,
“ JULIUS W. KNOWLTON.

II.—Dispensations and Charters.

Noble JOSEPH B. EAKINS,
“ WILLIAM E. FITCH,
“ DANIEL E. HUGHES.

III.—Finance and Accounts.

Noble CHARLES H. FLACH,
“ JAMES McGEE,
“ SAMUEL HARPER.

IV.—Grievances and Appeals.

Noble JOSEPH B. EAKINS,
“ SAM BRIGGS,
“ GEORGE W. MILLAR.

V.—Jurisprudence and Laws.

Noble CHARLES T. McCLENACHAN,
“ WILLIAM B. MELISH,
“ JEROME B. BORDEN.

VI.—Mileage and Pay of Representatives.

Noble JOSEPH B. EAKINS,
“ CHARLES H. HEYZER,
“ ARTHUR R. BLAKESLEE.

VII.—Deceased Members.

Noble CHARLES T. McCLENACHAN,
“ SAM BRIGGS,
“ JAMES H. THOMPSON,

ABSENT OFFICERS AND MEMBERS.

The following Nobles having signified their regrets at their inability to attend this Session, their letters were received, and their names ordered to be printed in the Proceedings :

Noble FRANK W. ANGEL,
 " FRANKLIN H. BASCOM,
 " JAMES A. COLLINS,
 " WILLIAM J. FLORENCE,
 " JOHN H. GRAY,
 " THOMAS J. GRIFFITHS,
 " SAMUEL HARPER,
 " HENRY E. HOSLEY,
 " HUGH MCCURDY,
 " CHARLES H. THOMSON,
 " D. BURNHAM TRACY,
 " JOHN WORTHINGTON,
 " JOSEPH S. WRIGHT.

FINANCIAL ACCOUNTS OF M.°. I.°. GRAND POTENTATE.

The M.°. I.°. Grand Potentate presented the following report of his receipts and expenses for the year ending June 4, 1885 :

NEW YORK, June 4, 1885.

To the Officers and Members of the Imperial Council for the United States of America :

Your Presiding Officer herewith submits the following report of his financial accounts during the past year :

Receipts.

June 4, 1884.	To Balance due Imperial Council	\$6.65
" 19, "	E. P. Tobey, Chicago, Deputy Authority	10.00
" 19, "	" " " " Ritual	5.00
" 20, "	C. L. Davis, Watkins, N. Y., Deputy	10.00
" 20, "	" " " " Ritual	5.00
Nov. 3, "	Kosair Temple, Louisville, Ky., Dispensation....	50.00
Mar. 9, 1885.	Tripoli Temple, Milwaukee, Wis., Dispensation..	50.00
" 9, "	" " " " Two Extra Rituals	10.00
" 28, "	H. L. Palmer, Milwaukee, Wis., Deputy \$10.00, Ritual \$5.00	15.00
" 30, "	Jerusalem Temple, New Orleans, La., Dispensation	50.00
" 30, "	Jerusalem Temple, Two Extra Rituals	10.00
Total Receipts		\$221.65

Disbursements.

By expenses from June, 1884, to June, 1885—*Mail and postal expenses, express, stationery, emanueusis, fares, transportation, and incidental cash outlay in capacity of Imperial Potentate, Notices, etc., for one year, as follows :*

June, 1884.....	\$12 81
July, ".....	9.72
August, ".....	7.40
September, ".....	8.75
October, ".....	9.25
November, ".....	55.41
December, ".....	11.23
January, 1885.....	10.60
February, ".....	8.52
March, ".....	9.60
April, ".....	7.69
May, ".....	6.37

Total Disbursements.....\$157.35

Receipts\$221.65
Expenditures 157.35

Balance due to Imperial Council..... \$64.30

Courteously submitted,

WALTER M. FLEMING,

M. : I. : Grand Potentate.

REFERENCE OF ACCOUNTS.

On motion of Noble JAMES MCGEE, it was—

Resolved, That the financial accounts of the M. : I. : Grand Potentate be referred to the Committee on Finance and Accounts.

REPORT OF ILL. : GRAND TREASURER.

The Ill. : Grand Treasurer submitted the following Annual Report :

NEW YORK, June 4, 1885.

To the M. : I. : Grand Potentate, Officers, and Members of the Imperial Council :

Your Grand Treasurer herewith submits his annual statement of the Receipts and Disbursements of this Imperial Body, from June 4, 1884, to June 1, 1885 :

June 4, 1884. To balance on hand.....	\$559.03
January 13, 1885. " cash from Imperial Recorder.....	70.00
May 1, " " " " ".....	410.00
June 1, " " " " ".....	68.00

Total Receipts.....\$1107.03

Disbursements.

June	10, 1884.	By amount paid	Warrant No. 75.....	\$300.00
"	17, "	" " " "	" " 76.....	7.00
"	17, "	" " " "	" " 77.....	10.00
August	27, "	" " " "	" " 78.....	26 00
September	18, "	" " " "	" " 79.....	10.00
October	15, "	" " " "	" " 80.....	30.00
"	29, "	" " " "	" " 81.....	100.00
"	31, "	" " " "	" " 82.....	31.00
November	3, "	" " " "	" " 83.....	70.00
February	11, 1885.	" " " "	" " 84.....	14.00
"	25, "	" " " "	" " 85.....	10.00
April	8, "	" " " "	" " 86.....	8.00
"	10, "	" " " "	" " 87.....	21 00
"	11, "	" " " "	" " 88.....	9.00
May	11, "	" " " "	" " 89.....	9.00
"	15, "	" " " "	" " 90.....	10.00
Total				\$665.00

Recapitulation.

June 4, 1885.	Total amount of moneys received.....	\$1107.03
"	" " " Disbursements.....	665 00
Balance on hand.....		\$442.03

Congratulating the Ill. Nobles on the brilliant prospects of the Order, this, together with the books and vouchers, is respectfully submitted.

JOSEPH M. LEVÉY,

Grand Treasurer.

REFERENCE OF GRAND TREASURER'S REPORT.

On motion of Noble WILLIAM E. FITCH, it was—

Resolved, That the Report of the Ill. Grand Treasurer be received, and referred to the Committee on Finance and Accounts.

REPORT OF ILL. GRAND RECORDER.

The Ill. Grand Recorder presented the following Annual Report :

NEW YORK, June 4, 1885.

To the Officers and Members of the Imperial Council for the United States of America :

Your Grand Recorder respectfully submits the following Annual Report :

At the close of the last Annual Session there were :

No. of Active Members of the Imperial Council.....	47
“ Past Active Members.....	26
“ Emeriti	7
“ Deputies	26
“ Temples to date	24

The Reports which have been received from the various Temples are given in the table on next page.

Receipts.

There have been received for fees and dues for the year ending this date :

January 13, 1885.	Murat Temple, Dues and 30 Initiations.....	\$70.00
April 14, “	Mecca Temple, Dues and 130 Initiations....	356.00
“ 20, “	Islam Temple, Dues and 22 Initiations.....	54.00
May 3, “	Boumi Temple, Dues and 17 Initiations.....	44.00
“ 3, “	Pyramid Temple, Bridgeport, Dues.....	10.00
“ 27, “	Mt. Sinai Temple, Dues and 2 Initiations...	14.00

Total Receipts to June 1, 1885..... \$548.00

Receipts of June 4, 1885.

June 1, 1885.	Syria Temple, Dues and 48 Initiations.....	\$106.00
“ 4, “	Lu Lu Temple, Dues for 1884.....	40.00
“ 4, “	Medinah Temple, Dues and 96 Initiations...	212.00
“ 4, “	Oriental Temple, Dues and 7 Initiations....	34.00
“ 4, “	Damascus Temple, Dues and 6 Initiations ..	22.00
“ 4, “	Al Koran Temple, Dues and 59 Initiations..	138.00

Total Receipts at this Session \$552.00

Total Amount..... \$1,100.00

All of which has been paid to the Grand Treasurer.

Courteously submitted,

WILLIAM S. PATERSON,

Grand Recorder.

REFERENCE OF ILL. GRAND RECORDER'S REPORT.

On motion of Noble JAMES MCGEE, it was—

Resolved, That the Annual Report of the Ill. Grand Recorder be received, and referred to the Committee on Finance and Accounts.

Reports of Temples, to January 1, 1885.

Temples.	Location.	Members Dec. 31, 1883	Died.	Dimitted.	Suspended.	Expelled.	Created.	Affiliated.	Members Dec. 31, 1884
Aleppo	Boston	17							17
Al Koran.....	Cleveland.....	109	3	2	1	1	59		161
Boumi	Baltimore	377		19	4		36	9	52
Cyprus	Albany.....	49	1	2					46
Damascus	Rochester	169	9	1	102		6		63
Islam	San Francisco...	49		1		1	22		69
Jerusalem, 1885.	New Orleans....								7
Kosair, 1884....	Louisville								7
Lu Lu.....	Philadelphia....	7	1	8			375	32	375
Mecca.....	New York.....	492	5	8			143		622
Medina	Atchison.....	10							10
Medinah	Chicago	48	2	5	1		96	2	138
Mohammed....	New Haven	10							10
Moslem ...	Detroit	112							112
Mount Sinai....	Montpelier.....	24					2		26
Murat.....	Indianapolis ...	7					30		37
Oriental.....	Troy.....	18							18
Pyramid	Bridgeport.....	48					31		79
Pyramid	Davenport.....	25							25
Salaam.....	Olney, Ill.....	13							13
Syria	Pittsburgh.....	82					48		130
Syrian	Cincinnati	153	1	8		1	33		176
Tripoli, 1885....	Milwaukee								40
Ziyara.....	Utica.....	11	1						10
Totals ..		1460	23	35	104	3	881	13	2243

REGISTER OF MEMBERS.

On motion of Noble CHARLES H. HEYZER, it was—

Resolved, That the Ill. Grand Recorder be directed to procure a Register for the signatures of members and visitors at the annual sessions of the Imperial Council.

GRAND RECORDER'S DUTIES.

On motion, it was ordered that a Special Committee be appointed to confer with the Grand Recorder in relation to such assistance as he may require in the performance of his duties.

The M. I. Grand Potentate appointed as such Committee Nobles SAM BRIGGS and JOSEPH B. EAKINS.

The Special Committee reported that they had conferred with the Grand Recorder, and recommended that the matter be left entirely in the hands of the Recorder, and he be authorized to make such charges as the extra work may require.

On motion, the report was received, and the Committee discharged.

It was moved that the recommendation be adopted.

An amendment was offered that the amount of such charges shall not exceed \$250 during the following year.

The amendment was carried, and the motion as amended was adopted.

DEPUTY FOR ILLINOIS.

The M. I. Grand Potentate presented the resignation of Noble EDGAR P. TOBEY, as Deputy for Illinois.

On motion, the resignation was received.

Noble WILLIAM H. WHITING nominated as Deputy for Illinois,

Noble JAMES H. THOMPSON, of Chicago, Ill.

The nomination was duly received, the Noble balloted for, and declared elected.

DEPUTY FOR MINNESOTA.

Noble JOSEPH B. EAKINS moved that Noble CHARLES M. TRUMAN, of Minneapolis, Minn., be elected Deputy for Minnesota.

Noble CHARLES H. HEYZER moved as amendment that the subject be referred to the Directory, with power.

The amendment was carried, and the motion as amended adopted.

ACTIVE MEMBER.

Noble DANIEL E. HUGHES nominated as Active Member of this Imperial Council,

Noble EDWARD B. JORDAN, of Philadelphia, Pa.

The nomination was duly received, the Noble balloted for, declared elected, and duly installed as Active Member.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ADDRESS.

The Special Committee on the Annual Address presented the following report:

Your Committee, to whom was referred the Annual Address of the M. I. Grand Potentate, beg leave to report as follows:

1. That the reference of the M. I. Grand Potentate to the condition of the Order is very pleasing, and, we trust, will instil new life into the Temples throughout the jurisdiction.

2. That so much as relates to the Fraternal dead be referred to the Committee on Deceased Members.

3. That the recommendations relating to the Grand Recorder be referred to the Directory.

4. That the granting of Dispensations be referred to the appropriate Committee.

5. That the Finance and Accounts be referred to the Committee in charge of the same.

6. That matters relative to grievances be referred to the Committee on that subject.

7. That such subjects as require legislation be referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence and Laws.

8. That the reports of Deputies be referred to the Committee on Transactions of Grand Officers.

9. That matters appertaining to the Ritual be referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence and Laws.

10. That unfinished business be referred to the Directory.

Courteously submitted,

CHARLES H. HEYZER,
JEROME B. BORDEN,
GEORGE SCOTT,

Committee.

On motion of Noble GEORGE F. LODER, the report of the Committee on Address was received; the Committee discharged with the thanks of the Imperial Council, and the subjects ordered to be referred as recommended.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON TRANSACTIONS OF GRAND OFFICERS.

The Committee on Transactions of Grand Officers presented the following report:

The Committee on Transactions of Grand Officers are happy in having the opportunity to congratulate the Order at large on the brilliant prospects evidenced in the labors of the various officers of the Imperial Council, which have resulted in great prosperity during the past year,

and the maintenance of the utmost harmony. A number of the Deputies have tendered some general reports of the success of the Temples and the Order in their jurisdictions, and are awakening to the responsibilities of their positions. The Temples already established have been very successful, and the new ones under dispensation show unbounded enthusiasm. The unanimity of good feeling which prevails is our best security, and the hospitality extended by Nobles and Temples is highly appreciated by the profane.

Courteously submitted,

CHARLES T. McCLENACHAN,
GEORGE SCOTT,
JULIUS W. KNOWLTON,

Committee.

On motion, the report was received, and ordered on file.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON DISPENSATIONS AND CHARTERS.

The Committee on Dispensations and Charters presented the following report :

The Committee on Dispensations and Charters having considered the work and standing of the three Temples which received Dispensations during the year, offer the following Resolution for adoption :

Resolved, That the dispensations which have been issued to

KOSAIR TEMPLE, of Louisville, Ky.,
TRIPOLI TEMPLE, of Milwaukee, Wis.,
JERUSALEM TEMPLE, of New Orleans, La.,

be continued until the next Annual Session,

Courteously submitted,

JOSEPH B. EAKINS,
WILLIAM E. FITCH,
DANIEL E. HUGHES,

Committee.

On motion, the report was received and the Resolution adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FINANCE AND ACCOUNTS.

The Committee on Finance and Accounts presented the following report :

The Committee on Finance and Accounts respectfully present the following report :

They have carefully examined the financial accounts of the M. I. Grand Potentate, the Grand Treasurer, and the Grand Recorder, together with the accompanying vouchers and bills, and find them correct.

Your Committee also recommend that five hundred copies of the Proceedings of this Annual Session of the Imperial Council be printed, at an expense of not over two hundred dollars.

Your Committee also recommend that the salary of the Grand Recorder for the past year be one hundred dollars.

Also, that a warrant for twenty-five dollars be drawn in favor of Noble ALBERT L. RAWSON, for translations and correspondence during the past year.

Also, that a warrant for five dollars be drawn in favor of Noble STEPHEN W. SWIFT for services as Ill. Grand Assistant Guard during this Annual Session.

Your Committee hope that the Temples and Deputies will be prompt in their payments, and more carefully conform to the Statutes in relation thereto.

Courteously submitted,

CHARLES H. FLACH,
JAMES MCGEE,
SAMUEL HARPER,

Committee.

On motion, the report was received, the several recommendations were adopted, and warrants ordered to be drawn for the amounts therein mentioned.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON GRIEVANCES AND APPEALS.

The Committee on Grievances and Appeals presented the following report :

The Committee on Grievances and Appeals find great pleasure in reporting that nothing under this head has been called to their attention during the past year, and congratulate the Order and the Imperial Council on the good feeling which continues to prevail throughout the Western Hemisphere, betokening a ready compliance with the Statutes, and a due regard for the tenets of the Mystic Shrine.

Courteously submitted,

JOSEPH B. EAKINS,
SAM BRIGGS,
GEORGE W. MILLAR,

Committee.

On motion, the report was received and ordered on file.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON JURISPRUDENCE AND LAWS.

The Committee on Jurisprudence and Laws presented the following report :

The Committee on Jurisprudence and Laws, considering the subjects referred to them, offer the following report :

Your Committee note with increased pleasure that the Statutes and Regulations have been so well conceived that no necessity exists for any alterations, and that all subjects are properly provided for, when the true spirit and intention of the concise "Forty-two Judgments" are well observed.

The Resolutions offered at the last Annual Session are herewith submitted for adoption, as follows :

"*Resolved*, That Section XX. be amended by adding the following clause :

" 'Deputies shall first qualify, by the payment of a fee of ten dollars for the Commission of Authority, and five dollars for a copy of the Oriental Ritual.'

"*Resolved*, That Section XXI. be amended by adding thereto the following lines :

" 'For every Commission of Authority for Deputy.....\$10.00
" 'For every copy of the Oriental Ritual..... 5.00.'"

Your Committee, also considering the subject of the Ritual, find that it is a perfect ceremonial, handed down from times immemorial, and is in accord with this enlightened age. A due observance of its principles will redound to the glory of our confraternity.

Courteously submitted,

CHARLES T. MCCLENACHAN,
WILLIAM B. MELISH,
JEROME B. BORDEN,

Committee.

On motion, the report was received, the recommendation was considered, and the amendments were adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON MILEAGE, ETC.

The Committee on Mileage, etc., presented the following report :

The Committee on Mileage and Pay of Representatives deem it injudicious, at the present time, to offer any legislation on the financial subjects involved in their duties, as the interests of those who are devoted to the Order have thus far been sufficient inducement for them to appear at our Annual Sessions.

Courteously submitted,

JOSEPH B. EAKINS,
CHARLES H. HEYZER,
ARTHUR R. BLAKESLEE,

Committee.

On motion, the report was received and ordered on file.

REPORT OF THE DIRECTORY.

Noble JOSEPH B. EAKINS, for the Directory of the Imperial Council, tendered the following report :

Your Directory have great pleasure in congratulating this Imperial Council on the financial prospects of the Order as evidenced from the reports of the several officers.

The increase of the total number of Nobles in the jurisdiction is indicative of the interest taken in our work, and the harmony which prevails is a token of the careful manner in which the Temples are conducted.

The principal matters connected with the Grand Recorder have been brought before the Imperial Council at this Session, and with the large supply of Diplomas on hand he is now able to fill all orders as received.

No unfinished business requires our attention, and the slight friction ensuing from the movement of new bodies has been quietly subdued by a little oil of placidity.

Courteously submitted,

JOSEPH B. EAKINS,
SAM BRIGGS,
GEORGE W. MILLAR,
Directory.

On motion, the report was received, and ordered on file.

DELINQUENT TEMPLES, ETC.

Noble WILLIAM B. MELISH offered the following Resolutions, which were adopted :

Whereas, Certain Temples and Deputies subordinate to this Imperial Council are delinquent in dues and fees for diplomas ;

Therefore, be it Resolved, That the Imperial Recorder shall, within sixty days after the close of this Session, report to the Directory the name of all subordinate Temples and Deputies that are in arrears, and the amount due from them.

Be it further Resolved, That the Directory, upon receipt of this statement, shall notify each Temple and Deputy of the amount of their arrearages, and that the same must be paid to them on or before November 1, 1885.

Resolved, That if any Temple or Deputy shall not pay up said arrearages, then it shall be the duty of the Imperial Potentate to suspend the Charter of said delinquent Temple or the Dispensation of the Deputy, until the next Session of this Imperial Council.

On motion of Noble CHARLES H. HEYZER, the Directory were given longer time in which to notify delinquents, in their discretion.

LU LU TEMPLE.

Noble WILLIAM B. MELISH offered the following Resolution, which was adopted :

Whereas, Lu Lu Temple, as stated by its Illustrious Grand Potentate, has been to great expense in fitting up their Temple and in promoting the interests of the Order in Philadelphia ;

Therefore, be it Resolved, That, if any delay should arise on the part of Lu Lu Temple in conforming to the law in paying arrearages, the Directory shall be authorized to extend the time of payment of Lu Lu Temple to a period not later than our next Session.

REPORT ON MONUMENT TO NOBLE PAYNE.

The Special Committee on Monument to Noble JOHN HOWARD PAYNE presented the following report :

The Monument having been erected and all expense borne by Mr. W. W. CORCORAN the philanthropist, of Washington, D. C., this Imperial Council is therefore relieved from all further action in the matter. Your Committee would therefore recommend that a suitable letter be sent to Mr. CORCORAN for this noble act at his hands in honor of our late Noble, JOHN HOWARD PAYNE.

Courteously submitted,

JAMES MCGEE,
GEORGE W. MILLAR,
CHARLES H. HEYZER,
Committee.

On motion, the report was received, the recommendation was adopted, and the Committee discharged, with the thanks of the Imperial Council.

JEWELS OF IMPERIAL COUNCIL.

On motion of Noble JAMES MCGEE, it was—

Resolved. That the Jewels for the several officers, now worn by the Imperial Council, which were manufactured by Noble EDWARD WILLIAMS, of Mecca Temple, and presented for the inspection of the Members, be, and they are hereby, approved.

On motion of Noble CHARLES H. HEYZER, the matter of the payment of the Jewels was referred to the Directory, with power.

DIPLOMAS.

The Directory presented a bill for six hundred and thirty-seven dollars, for engraving and furnishing three thousand Diplomas, which was referred to the Grand Treasurer, with power.

NEXT ANNUAL SESSION.

On motion of Noble WILLIAM B. MELISH, it was—

Resolved, That the next Triennial Session of the Imperial Council be held in the City of Cleveland, Ohio, in the month of June, 1886, notification of the date thereof to be given by the M. . Ill. . Grand Potentate.

PUBLICATION OF PROCEEDINGS.

On motion of Noble CHARLES H. HEYZER, it was—

Resolved, That five hundred copies of the Proceedings of this Annual Session be printed, under the direction of the M. I. Grand Potentate, with full power.

DECEASED.

The Committee on Deceased Members presented the following report:

The Committee on Deceased Members, to whom was referred the death of Noble JOHN S. DICKERMAN, Past Active Member, herewith transmit the Memorial prepared by Noble ROBERT H. WATERMAN, and recommend that a page be set apart to the memory of the Deceased.

Courteously submitted,

CHARLES T. MCCLENACHAN,
SAM BRIGGS,
JAMES H. THOMPSON,

Committee.

On motion, the report was received, the Committee discharged, and the Memorial ordered to be published in the Annual Proceedings.



JOHN S. DICKERMAN.

JOHN S. DICKERMAN, of Albany, in New York, was born at Troy, New York, January 7th, 1833. Shortly after this his parents removed to Albany, where he spent the greater part of a very active life. After acquiring a knowledge of moulding and glass blowing, he soon tired of the drudgery of a mechanic's life, and after a few years established himself in business as an auctioneer. For this vocation his ready wit, fluency, and knowledge of human nature eminently fitted him, and it was not long before his services were in demand not only at Albany but elsewhere throughout the State.

A great sufferer for the last few months of his life, those who saw him daily were impressed by the determined struggle he made to be up and doing his appointed work, and the manly courage with which, when he was forced to succumb by physical weakness, he faced the inevitable. His death occurred on the 21st of January, 1885. Brother DICKERMAN was an earnest and devoted craftsman. He was made a Master Mason in Temple Lodge, No. 14, at Albany, New York, August 7th, 1860. He was exalted to the Royal Arch Degree in Temple Chapter, No. 5, June 24th, 1862. Over this Chapter he afterward presided as High Priest, and, later, joined in the formation of Capital City Chapter, No. 242, in 1866. In the Grand Chapter of the State he served one year as Grand Royal Arch Captain, and for seventeen years, and up to the day of his death, he was the Grand Treasurer of the Body. He received the Cryptic Degrees in DeWitt Clinton Council, No. 22, of Royal and Select Masters in 1863, and became a member of Temple Commandery of Knights Templar in the same year. He received the Ineffable Degrees in March, 1866, and, on the 19th day of June, 1869, in the Supreme Council of the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction for the United States of America, he was proclaimed Sovereign Grand Inspector-General of the Thirty-third and last Degree of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite.

About 1875, Noble DICKERMAN was received into Mecca Temple, and created a Noble of the Mystic Shrine, and was shortly afterward made a Deputy at Large. He was in 1880 elected an Active Member of the Imperial Council, and served with zeal during the term of his office. Through his efforts Cyprus and Najah Temples were established in Albany, which after a time were united into one strong Temple, under the former name.

In every relation in life Brother DICKERMAN was, at all times, a man of mark. His activities were always at command in any good work, and those who knew him well prized his friendship dearly. In public affairs, in Masonic concerns, in social and domestic relations, his life was one of great usefulness. The services of such a willing friend were constantly in demand, and they were unfailing; where his aid was required it was given at the sacrifice of personal comfort and even the demand of business. The words of the Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of the State of New York, M.: E.: JAMES E. MORRISON,

pronounced at Brother DICKERMAN'S grave, fitly tell the appreciation in which our Brother was held by his host of personal and Masonic friends.

"Alas! alas! my Brother! To thee the 'way of truth, the light' has been shown. To thee has been revealed what we see only as through 'a glass darkly.' Alas! but not for thee. For thee, All Hail! For ourselves we really grieve. Thy life-work is accomplished. Thy labor is over. No longer will the rich glow of thy hearty good nature and brimming humor be subdued or checked by the brooding chill and cloud of this world's cares and sorrows. But this community, these Masonic Bodies, the desolated home, the vacant fireside—for these we say, alas!

" 'Eyes which the preacher could not school
By wayside graves are raised;
And lips say, 'God, be pitiful!'
Who ne'er said, 'God be praised!'
Be pitiful, O God!"

"How many of us, Companions and Brothers, who have heard these obsequies so properly performed, ask ourselves why is this goodly City of Albany stirred to its emotional depths to-day? Is not the answer borne to us upon sobbing winds of this January day? Because a man who for fifty years, from childhood until death's grim hand touched him, had lived a manly life; because the public-spirited citizen, the noble-hearted and determined man of business, the unselfish—nay, most generous friend, the attentive provider for his household, the timely adviser, whose counsel and assistance were never sought in vain, whose ready hand was always open to extend relief to those who needed or sought it, has been taken from those who loved and honored him for the years, many or few, during which they were privileged to be counted among his hosts of friends.

"Well is it said, in the burial service of our Craft, that 'perfection on earth has never yet been attained.' Companions and Brothers, we know our beloved Companion was not without faults, but who that knew him did not recognize that they were faults incident to the best manhood, and that his virtues were virtues fashioned after the Divine pattern?

"He served God with fidelity, and comforted the widow and fatherless in their afflictions. Though, like most of us, he did not 'keep himself unspotted from the world,' I doubt not the strong current of his daily ongoing toward good has found favor and forgiveness for fault and foible and sin. We knew him to be a man of unquestioning faith in the Father of All, of hopefulness which was part of his vernal nature, and of unbounded love for his fellow men, and when he realized that the end was not far off,

" 'Calmly he looked on either life, and here
Saw nothing to regret, or there to fear.' "

ROBERT H. WATERMAN.

CONGRESS
—OF—
THE IMPERIAL COUNCIL,
NOBLES OF THE MYSTIC SHRINE,
—FOR THE—
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

OFFICERS FOR 1883-1886.

WALTER M. FLEMING.....	<i>M. I. Grand Potentate,</i> No. 42 WEST THIRTY-FOURTH STREET, NEW YORK.
SAM BRIGGS.....	<i>Deputy Grand Potentate,</i> CLEVELAND, O.
WILLIAM B. MELISH.....	<i>Grand Chief Rabban,</i> CINCINNATI, O.
D. BURNHAM TRACY.....	<i>Grand Assistant Rabban,</i> DETROIT, MICH.
WILLIAM H. WHITING.....	<i>Grand High Priest and Prophet,</i> ROCHESTER, N. Y.
JAMES MCGEE.....	<i>Grand Oriental Guide,</i> NEW YORK, N. Y.
JOSEPH M. LEVEY.....	<i>Grand Treasurer,</i> NEW YORK, N. Y.
WILLIAM S. PATERSON.....	<i>Grand Recorder,</i> No. 100 READE STREET, NEW YORK.
JULIUS W. KNOWLTON.....	<i>Grand First Ceremonial Master,</i> BRIDGEPORT, CONN.
CHARLES H. FLACH.....	<i>Grand Second Ceremonial Master,</i> CINCINNATI, O.
WILLIAM E. FITCH.....	<i>Grand Marshal,</i> ALBANY, N. Y.
THOMAS MCCOUBRAY, JR.....	<i>Grand Captain of the Guard,</i> BALTIMORE, MD.
HUGH MCCURDY.....	<i>Grand Outer Guard,</i> CORUNNA, MICH.
STEPHEN W. SWIFT.....	<i>Grand Assistant Guard,</i> NEW YORK, N. Y.

ACTIVE MEMBERS.

ANGEL, FRANK W.....	Davenport, Iowa.
ANTHONY, JESSE B.....	Troy, N. Y.
BALMAIN, GEORGE P.....	Pittsburgh, Pa.
BARNARD, CHARLES E.....	Utica, N. Y.
BARNES, WILLIAM H. L.....	San Francisco, Cal.
BLAKE, EDWARD A.....	Chicago, Ill.
BLAKESLEE ARTHUR R.....	Birmingham, Conn.
BRIGGS, SAM.....	Cleveland, O.
CARSE, HENRY.....	Rock Island, Ill.
CARTER, SAMUEL R.....	Rochester, N. Y.
COLLINS, JAMES A.....	Cincinnati, O.
EAKINS, JOSEPH B.....	New York, N. Y.
EHLERS, EDWARD M. L.....	New York, N. Y.
FITCH, WILLIAM E.....	Albany, N. Y.
FLACH, CHARLES H.....	Cincinnati, O.
FLEMING, WALTER M.....	New York, N. Y.
FONES, CIVILION.....	Bridgeport, Conn.
GRAY, JOHN H.....	San Francisco, Cal.
GRIFFITHS, THOMAS JAY.....	Utica, N. Y.
GROSE, JOSEPH R.....	South Boston, Mass.
HARPER, SAMUEL.....	Pittsburgh, Pa.
HASLEHURST, THEODORE E.....	Troy, N. Y.
HAXTON, BENJAMIN F.....	Detroit, Mich.
HEYZER, CHARLES H.....	New York, N. Y.
HOSLEY, HENRY E.....	South Boston, Mass.
HUBBARD, HORACE W.....	Cleveland, O.
HUGHES, DANIEL E.....	Philadelphia, Pa.
HURLBUT, VINCENT L.....	Chicago, Ill.
JONES, ERASMUS D.....	Albany, N. Y.
JORDAN, EDWARD B.....	Philadelphia, Pa.
KNOWLTON, JULIUS W.....	Bridgeport, Conn.
LEVÉY, JOSEPH M.....	New York, N. Y.
LODER, GEORGE F.....	Rochester, N. Y.
MARVIN, RICHARD P., JR.....	Akron, O.
MCCOUBRAY, THOMAS, JR.....	Baltimore, Md.
MCCURDY, HUGH.....	Corunna, Mich.
MCGEE, JAMES.....	New York, N. Y.
MELISH, WILLIAM B.....	Cincinnati, O.
MILLAR, GEORGE W.....	New York, N. Y.
PATERSON, WILLIAM S.....	New York, N. Y.
SEAVY, MANSON.....	Boston, Mass.
SHIPMAN, OZIAS W.....	Detroit, Mich.
SMITH, MARVIN E.....	Chicago, Ill.
TRACY, D. BURNHAM.....	Detroit, Mich.
WHITE, JARVIS.....	Davenport, Iowa.
WHITING, WILLIAM H.....	Rochester, N. Y.
WRIGHT, JOSEPH S.....	Philadelphia, Pa.
WING, GEORGE W.....	Montpelier, Vt.

EMERITI.

BASCOM, FRANKLIN H.....	Montpelier, Vt.
FLORENCE, WILLIAM J.....	New York, N. Y.
MCCLENACHAN, CHARLES T.....	New York, N. Y.
RAWSON, ALBERT L.....	New York, N. Y.
SHRYOCK, THOMAS J.....	Baltimore, Md.
TORREY, CHARLES W.....	New York, N. Y.
TYLER, GEORGE O.....	Burlington, Vt.

DEPUTIES.

ANGEL, FRANK W.....	Davenport, Iowa.
BARNARD, ANTHONY W.....	Butte, Montana.
BASCOM, FRANKLIN H.....	Montpelier, Vt.
BIRRELL, GEORGE S.....	London, Canada.
BORDEN, JEROME B.....	New Brunswick, N. J.
BRIGGS, SAM.....	Cleveland, O.
EAKINS, JOSEPH B.....	New York, N. Y.
FISK, CHARLES H.....	Covington, Ky.
FLORENCE, WILLIAM J. (At Large).....	New York, N. Y.
GRAY, JOHN H.....	San Francisco, Cal.
HARPER, SAMUEL.....	Pittsburgh, Pa.
HOSLEY, HENRY E.....	South Boston, Mass.
JORDAN, EDWARD B. (At Large).....	Brooklyn, N. Y.
MCGAFFEY, HENRY H.....	Indianapolis, Ind.
LEVÉY, JOSEPH M. (At Large).....	New York, N. Y.
MELISH, WILLIAM B.....	Cincinnati, O.
MEYER, CHARLES E.....	Philadelphia, Pa.
PALMER, HENRY L.....	Milwaukee, Wis.
PETERS, AUGUSTUS W.....	Brooklyn, N. Y.
SCOTT, GEORGE.....	Paterson, N. J.
SHRYOCK, THOMAS J.....	Baltimore, Md.
STIRLING, HUGH.....	Bridgeport, Conn.
THOMPSON, JAMES H.....	Chicago, Ill.
TORREY, CHARLES W.....	New York, N. Y.
TRACY, D. BURNHAM.....	Detroit, Mich.
VAN VLIET, GEORGE, (At Large).....	New York, N. Y.
WORTHINGTON, JOHN, (At Large).....	Island of Malta.

Directory of the Imperial Council.

JOSEPH B. EAKINS.....	New York, N. Y.
SAM BRIGGS.....	Cleveland, O.
GEORGE W. MILLAR	New York, N. Y.

Representatives of the Temples in the East.

WILLIAM J. FLORENCE.....	New York, N. Y.
ALBERT L. RAWSON.....	New York, N. Y.
JOHN WORTHINGTON.....	Island of Malta.

PAST ACTIVE MEMBERS.

HAVING THE RANK OF PAST POTENTATES OF TEMPLES.

ATWOOD, EDWARD W.....	Bridgeport, Conn.
BABCOCK, BRENTON D.....	Cleveland, O.
BALL, DAYTON.....	Albany, N. Y.
COLLINS, JOHN F.....	New York, N. Y.
COX, EDWARD B.....	Troy, N. Y.
FOWLER, WILLIAM	New York, N. Y.
GOODALL, ALBERT G.....	New York, N. Y.
HURLBURT, FRAZIER W.....	Utica, N. Y.
LENHART, PHILIP F.....	Brooklyn, N. Y.
MORIARTY, ALBERT P.....	New York, N. Y.
NORTHROP, AARON L.....	New York, N. Y.
PAIGE, CLINTON F.....	Binghamton, N. Y.
RAMSAY, ROBERT.....	Orillia, Canada.
ROOME, CHARLES.....	New York, N. Y.
SCOTT, GEORGE	Paterson, N. J.
SHERWOOD, BENSEN.....	New York, N. Y.
SICKELS, DANIEL.....	New York, N. Y.
SIMONS, JOHN W.....	New York, N. Y.
STETTINIUS, JOHN L.....	Cincinnati, O.
TEN EYCK, JAMES H.....	Albany, N. Y.
THOMSON, CHARLES H.....	Corning, N. Y.
VICK, FRANK H.....	Rochester, N. Y.
WATERMAN, ROBERT H.....	Albany, N. Y.
WARD, J. H. HOBART.....	New York, N. Y.
WILLIAMS, JOHN D.....	Elmira, N. Y.

TEMPLES ESTABLISHED IN THE UNITED STATES. OFFICERS FOR 1885.

ALEPPO TEMPLE, BOSTON, MASS.

Henry E. Hosley	Grand Potentate.
Joseph R. Grose	Chief Rabban.
Manson Seavy	Assistant Rabban.
Leonard M. Averill	High Priest.
Charles E. Pierce	Oriental Guide.
Albert Edgcomb	Treasurer.
Ezra G. Robinson	Recorder.
Frederick G. Walbridge	First Cer. Master.
Benjamin W. Dean	Second Cer. Master.
Frank W. Bird	Marshal.
Joseph L. White	Captain of Guard.
William Buntin	Outer Guard.

Number of Members, 17.

AL KORAN TEMPLE, CLEVELAND, OHIO.

Sam Briggs	Grand Potentate.
Horace A. Bishop	Chief Rabban.
Henry P. McIntosh	Assistant Rabban.
James Hossack	High Priest.
Frederick A. Morse	Oriental Guide.
Charles T. Wesley	Treasurer.
Horace W. Hubbard	Recorder.
Charles F. Spencer	First Cer. Master.
George T. McIntosh	Second Cer. Master.
J. M. Gorham	Marshal.
John W. Gibbons	Captain of Guard.
Theodore Elmendorf	Outer Guard.

Number of Members, 168.

BOUMI TEMPLE, BALTIMORE, MD.

Thomas McCoubray, Jr.	Grand Potentate.
William C. Nickum	Chief Rabban.
Henry A. Barry	Assistant Rabban.
Thomas J. Shryock	High Priest.
James W. Bowers	Oriental Guide.
Woodward Abrahams	Treasurer.
John H. Miller	Recorder.
E. Packham, Jr.	First Cer. Master.
George W. Starr, Jr.	Second Cer. Master.
Charles W. Hatter	Marshal.
William H. Klinesmith	Captain of Guard.
Wash. H. Nicholson	Outer Guard.

Number of Members, 32.

CYPRUS TEMPLE, ALBANY, N. Y.

Joseph M. Lawson.....	Grand Potentate.
Herman H. Russ	Chief Rabban.
William Storey.....	Assistant Rabban.
Philip W. Dalton.....	High Priest.
William G. Janes.....	Oriental Guide.
William H. Haskell.....	Treasurer.
William E. Fitch.....	Recorder.
John H. Quinby.....	First Cer. Master.
John A. Davis	Second Cer. Master.
William T. Miles.....	Marshal.
George H. Amsdell.....	Captain of Guard.
William H. Gladding.....	Outer Guard.

Number of Members, 43.

DAMASCUS TEMPLE, ROCHESTER, N. Y.

George F. Loder.....	Grand Potentate.
William H. Whiting.....	Chief Rabban.
Jacob G. Maurer.....	Assistant Rabban.
Samuel C. Pierce.....	High Priest.
Frank H. Vick.....	Oriental Guide.
Robert W. West.....	Treasurer.
William Davis.....	Recorder.
George C. Schminke.....	First Cer. Master.
William S. Smith, Jr.....	Second Cer. Master.
Adam Stallknight.....	Marshal.
Sidney C. McKaye.....	Captain of Guard.
William H. Davenport.....	Outer Guard.

Number of Members, 63.

ISLAM TEMPLE, SAN FRANCISCO, CAL.

Arthur W. Foster.....	Grand Potentate.
William Center.....	Chief Rabban.
Curtis G. Kenyon.....	Assistant Rabban.
Frank W. Sumner.....	High Priest.
William A. Robertson.....	Oriental Guide.
Edwin White Newhall.....	Treasurer.
John H. Gray.....	Recorder.
George Howard Thompson.....	First Cer. Master.
Thomas J. Bass.....	Second Cer. Master.
Henry Edwards.....	Marshal.
David H. Laird.....	Captain of Guard.
Robert H. Mowbray.....	Outer Guard.

Number of Members, 69.

JERUSALEM TEMPLE, NEW ORLEANS, LA.

Alfred Shaw.....	Grand Potentate.
William H. Chaffe.....	Chief Rabban.
Albert G. Brice.....	Assistant Rabban.
Albert L. Abbott.....	High Priest.
David R. Graham.....	Oriental Guide.
Arthur W. Hyatt.....	Treasurer.
Richard Lambert.....	Recorder.
George J. Pinckard.....	First Cer. Master.
Charles A. Scott.....	Second Cer. Master.
Samuel Alston.....	Marshal.
Alfred Isaacson.....	Captain of Guard.
Zachary T. Black.....	Outer Guard.

Number of Members, 22.

KOSAIR TEMPLE, LOUISVILLE, KY.

William Ryan.....	Grand Potentate.
John A. Stratton.....	Chief Rabban.
R. H. Higgins.....	Assistant Rabban.
Charles H. Graham.....	High Priest.
Will E. Ryan.....	Oriental Guide.
Charles H. Pool.....	Treasurer.
John Freizer.....	Recorder.

Number of Members, 7.

LU LU TEMPLE, PHILADELPHIA, PA.

Daniel E. Hughes.....	Grand Potentate.
Joseph S. Wright.....	Chief Rabban.
John W. Haseltine.....	Assistant Rabban.
Charles Laing.....	High Priest.
Philip C. Shaffer.....	Oriental Guide.
M. F. Benerman.....	Treasurer.
N. Ferree Lightner.....	Recorder.
Edward P. Knipe.....	First Cer. Master.
Ezra S. Bartlett.....	Second Cer. Master.
R. Lloyd Lee.....	Marshal.
R. C. Thudium.....	Captain of Guard.
B. K. Paullin.....	Outer Guard.
Edward B. Jordan.....	Director.

Number of Members, 375.

MECCA TEMPLE, NEW YORK, N. Y.

Walter M. Fleming.....	Grand Potentate.
Augustus W. Peters.....	Chief Rabban.
Philip C. Benjamin.....	Assistant Rabban.
Charles H. Heyzer.....	High Priest.
Rev. Cornelius L. Twing	Sherif ul Ulema.
James McGee.....	Oriental Guide.
Joseph M. Levéy	Treasurer.
William S. Paterson.....	Recorder.
James V. Kirby.....	First Cer. Master.
Hermon J. Emerson.....	Second Cer. Master.
Edgar M. Ayers.....	Marshal.
Wayland Trask	Captain of Guard.
Theodore Reeves.....	Outer Guard.
Joseph B. Eakins.....	Director.

Number of Members, 622.

MEDINAH TEMPLE, CHICAGO, ILL.

James H. Thompson.....	Grand Potentate.
Oscar I. Jacobus.....	Chief Rabban.
R. L. Dakin	Assistant Rabban.
J. S. Zimmerman.....	High Priest.
T. H. Currier.....	Oriental Guide.
James S. Carter.....	Treasurer.
William A. Stiles.....	Recorder.
F. M. Luce.....	First Cer. Master.
John E. Norton.....	Second Cer. Master.
Alfred Russell	Marshal.
Annas Hathaway.....	Captain of Guard.
A. McLellan.....	Outer Guard.
Edgar P. Tobey.....	Director.

Number of Members, 138.

MOSLEM TEMPLE, DETROIT, MICH.

Ozias W. Shipman.....	Grand Potentate.
John W. McGrath.....	Chief Rabban.
Charles A. Warren.....	Assistant Rabban.
Francis A. Blades.....	High Priest.
James Findlater.....	Oriental Guide.
John M. Arnold	Treasurer.
D. Burnham Tracy.....	Recorder.
Charles R. Bagg.....	First Cer. Master.
Henry George.....	Second Cer. Master.
Frank W. Noble.....	Marshal.
Alexander M. Gray.....	Captain of Guard.
Alexander McGregor.....	Outer Guard.

Number of Members, 112.

MOUNT SINAI TEMPLE, MONTPELIER, VT.

George W. Wing.....	Grand Potentate.
Marsh O. Perkins.....	Chief Rabban.
Frederick F. Fletcher.....	Assistant Rabban.
Justus W. F. Washburn.....	High Priest.
Rev. Howard F. Hill.....	Oriental Guide.
Franklin H. Bascom.....	Treasurer.
Charles H. Heaton.....	Recorder.
William A. Briggs.....	First Cer. Master.
Rev. Frederick S. Fisher.....	Second Cer. Master.
George W. Tilden.....	Marshal.
George L. Lane.....	Captain of Guard.
James A. Erwin.....	Outer Guard.
Charles J. Jones.....	Director.

Number of Members, 26.

MURAT TEMPLE, INDIANAPOLIS, IND.

John T. Brush.....	Grand Potentate.
Theodore Pfafflin.....	Chief Rabban.
Phineas G. C. Hunt.....	Assistant Rabban.
Byron K. Elliott.....	High Priest.
Jacob W. Smith.....	Oriental Guide.
Charles F. Meyer.....	Treasurer.
Cortes F. Holliday.....	Recorder.
Joseph W. Smith.....	First Cer. Master.
Austin H. Brown.....	Second Cer. Master.
Henry H. McGaffey.....	Marshal.
Cyrus J. Dobbs.....	Captain of Guard.
John Saunders.....	Outer Guard.

Number of Members, 37.

ORIENTAL TEMPLE, TROY, N. Y.

Jesse B. Anthony.....	Grand Potentate.
Lee Chamberlin.....	Chief Rabban.
Levi H. Button.....	Assistant Rabban.
William R. Hyde.....	High Priest.
Theodore E. Haslehurst.....	Oriental Guide.
Gorton P. Cozzens (deceased).....	Treasurer.
Edward B. Cox.....	Recorder.
Alexander B. King.....	First Cer. Master.
George F. Greene.....	Second Cer. Master.
William F. Robertson.....	Marshal.
Joseph W. Smart.....	Captain of Guard.
Charles Teson.....	Outer Guard.

Number of Members, 18.

PYRAMID TEMPLE, BRIDGEPORT, CONN.

Julius W. Knowlton.....	Grand Potentate.
Stephen T. Bartlett.....	Chief Rabban.
Andrew H. Doolittle.....	Assistant Rabban.
Hobart W. Watson.....	High Priest.
Alpheus D. Dutton.....	Oriental Guide.
Henry Gardner.....	Treasurer.
E. Stewart Sumner.....	Recorder.
Hugh Stirling.....	First Cer. Master.
William R. Frisbie.....	Second Cer. Master.
William J. Dorrance.....	Marshal.
Civilion Fones.....	Captain of Guard.
Sturges D. Beers.....	Outer Guard.

Number of Members, 79.

PYRAMID TEMPLE, DAVENPORT, IOWA.

Frank W. Angel.....	Grand Potentate.
Henry Carse.....	Chief Rabban.
George R. Marvin.....	Assistant Rabban.
Lewis P. Dosh.....	High Priest.
William H. Smith.....	Oriental Guide.
Frank S. Hastings.....	Treasurer.
Cornelius J. Brown.....	Recorder.
Frederick W. Lerch.....	First Cer. Master.
John N. Davis.....	Second Cer. Master.
Thomas Murray.....	Marshal.
Levi H. Whitson.....	Captain of Guard.
William F. Zimmerman.....	Outer Guard.

Number of Members, 25.

SALAAM TEMPLE, OLNEY, ILL.

William H. Curtin.....	Grand Potentate.
H. M. Hall.....	Chief Rabban.
Gideon D. Slanker.....	Assistant Rabban.
John Von Gunter, Jr.....	High Priest.
Henry Studer.....	Oriental Guide.
John Kuster.....	Treasurer.
William F. Beck.....	Recorder.
Aden Knopp.....	First Cer. Master.
Philip Raling.....	Second Cer. Master.
N. S. Marshall.....	Marshal.
Charles Ferriman.....	Captain of Guard.
Frank Powers.....	Outer Guard.
W. J. A. De Lancey.....	Director.

Number of Members, 13.

SYRIA TEMPLE, PITTSBURGH, PA.

Samuel Harper.....	Grand Potentate.
Joseph E. Lewis.....	Chief Rabban.
Americus V. Holmes.....	Assistant Rabban.
Geter C. Shidle.....	High Priest.
William S. Brown.....	Oriental Guide.
Joseph Eichbaum.....	Treasurer.
J. Lilond Lytle.....	Recorder.
S. Howard Sprague.....	First Cer. Master.
William C. Wright.....	Second Cer. Master.
Harry H. Arnold.....	Marshal.
Webster Gray.....	Captain of Guard.
George C. Johnstone.....	Outer Guard.

Number of Members, 130.

SYRIAN TEMPLE, CINCINNATI, OHIO.

William B. Melish.....	Grand Potentate.
Charles H. Flach.....	Chief Rabban.
Charles H. Fisk.....	Assistant Rabban.
Sherwood B. Markland.....	High Priest.
Joseph Kerkup.....	Oriental Guide.
Thomas Kite, Jr.....	Treasurer.
Edward C. Harding.....	Recorder.
James Allison.....	First Cer. Master.
Herman C. Pfafflin.....	Second Cer. Master.
Acton A. Hall.....	Marshal.
Charles M. Eppey.....	Captain of Guard.
William Michie.....	Outer Guard.

Number of Members, 176.

TRIPOLI TEMPLE, MILWAUKEE, WIS.

Eugene S. Elliott.....	Grand Potentate.
Henry S. Bracken.....	Chief Rabban.
William H. Brazier.....	Assistant Rabban.
John W. Laffin.....	High Priest.
Frank B. Golley.....	Oriental Guide.
John E. Armitage.....	Treasurer.
George A. Schroeder.....	Recorder.
Sidney H. Cole.....	First Cer. Master.
George P. Bower.....	Second Cer. Master.
Charles D. Rogers.....	Marshal.
Leroy C. Whitney.....	Captain of Guard.
Leonard Barrett.....	Outer Guard.

Number of Members, 40.

ZIYARA TEMPLE, UTICA, N. Y.

Frazier W. Hurlburt.....Grand Potentate.
 Taliesin Evans.....Chief Rabban.
 Edward A. Tallman.....Assistant Rabban.
 Theodore W. Bolles.....Oriental Guide.
 Charles E. Barnard.....Treasurer.
 Thomas Jay Griffiths.....Recorder.
 Jacob J. Davis.....First Cer. Master.
 Henry R. Davis.....Second Cer. Master.
 H. Gilbert Hart.....Marshal.
 David J. Evans.....Outer Guard.

Number of Members, 10.

MEDINA TEMPLE, ATCHISON, KANSAS.

Joseph A. Greenawalt.....Grand Potentate.
 No Report.

MOHAMMED TEMPLE, NEW HAVEN, CONN.

No Report.

CLOSING OF IMPERIAL COUNCIL.

On motion, the reading of the Proceedings was dispensed with.
 The Imperial Council was closed in Ample Form, with due Invocation
 and Declaration.

PUBLICATION.

The Proceedings of this Annual Session are hereby approved for
 publication.

 *Walter M. Fleming* 

M. I. GRAND POTENTATE.

ATTEST :

 *W. J. Paterson* 

ILL. GRAND RECORDER.

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ANCIENT ARABIC ORDER

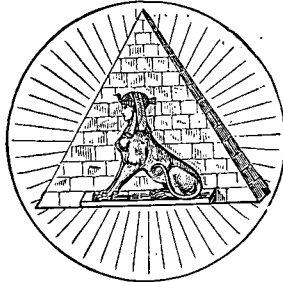
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FOR THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

TWELFTH ANNUAL PROCEEDINGS,
JUNE 14, 1886,
HELD AT CLEVELAND, OHIO.



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NOBLES OF THE MYSTIC SHRINE,

—FOR THE—

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

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JAMES H. THOMPSON.....	<i>Imperial Chief Rabban,</i> CHICAGO, ILL.
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JAMES MCGEE	<i>Imperial Oriental Guide,</i> NEW YORK, N. Y.
JOSEPH M. LEVEY.....	<i>Imperial Treasurer,</i> NEW YORK, N. Y.
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ANCIENT ARABIC ORDER

— OF THE —

NOBLES OF THE MYSTIC SHRINE,

قليم عربي اخويه اشرف لامن سري مسزيد

For the United States of America.

GRAND ORIENT, NEW YORK.

TWELFTH ANNUAL SESSION—1886.



URSUANT to Resolution of June 4, 1885, the Twelfth Annual Session of the Imperial Council of the Ancient Arabic Order of the Nobles of the Mystic Shrine for the United States of America was held at Al Masjid al Zoohrah of Al Koran Temple, No. 184 Superior Street, in the City of Cleveland, Ohio, on Nahar el Etnin, the 12th day of the ninth Arabic month of Ramadan, A. H. 1303, corresponding to Monday, the 14th day of June, A. D. 1886, at

10 o'clock A. M., and in accordance with the Notice issued to all Officers, Members, and Temples, as follows :

ANNUAL NOTICE.

OFFICE OF IMPERIAL POTENTATE,
NEW YORK, May 1, 1886.

ILLUSTRIOUS NOBLE:



THE Imperial Council of the Ancient Arabic Order of the Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, for the United States of America, will hold its Twelfth Annual Session on MONDAY, JUNE 14, 1886, at 10 o'clock A. M., at Al Masjid al Zoohrah of Al Koran Temple, No. 184 Superior Street, Cleveland, Ohio.

The Headquarters of the Congress will be at the Weddell House, Cleveland, Ohio.

THE TRIENNIAL ELECTION OF OFFICERS will take place during this Session, in accordance with Sections I. and II. of the Statutes, and other very important business will be transacted. It is earnestly hoped that the Officers and Representatives will be in attendance.

ACTIVE MEMBERS.—A copy of the Revised Statutes and Regulations, embracing the History of the Order and a detail of all necessary information, having been sent to each Subordinate Temple and Deputy, you are hereby respectfully referred to Section I. of the Statutes, for the selection of Active Members of the Imperial Council for the next Triennial Term, as the terms of all Actives and Deputies expire at this Session.

ARREARS.—Subordinate Temples in arrears for Dues and Initiation Fees to the Imperial Council, are respectfully requested to make immediate returns, for the year ending December 31, 1885.

DIPLOMAS.—All individual Nobles of the Order, not provided with DIPLOMAS, are referred to Section XXI., Statutes and Regulations, by which they are entitled to Diplomas, *when their Temples return their names with the Initiation Fees*, as provided by Sections XXI. and XXXIX. The Illustrious Grand Potentates of all Subordinate Temples are responsible for the enforcement of the Statutes and Regulations, and particularly of the Sections just referred to. The sources from which the revenues of the Imperial Council are derived are largely represented by the above mentioned Sections.

RETURNS.—The Presiding Officer of every Subordinate Temple is hereby requested to direct his Illustrious Recorder to make out the annual RETURNS for the year ending December 31, 1885, to this Imperial Body, on or before June 1, 1886, ACCOMPANIED WITH THE INITIATION FEE FOR EVERY INITIATE, when Diplomas for every Noble will be immediately filled out by the Imperial Recorder and forwarded to the Temple (in accordance with Sections XXI. and XXXIX.).

DEPUTIES.—All Deputies of the Imperial Council are hereby ordered to make their full returns, on or before June 1, 1886, and are referred to Section XX. of Statutes for their guidance and information.

SPECIAL NOTICE.—The following clauses were offered in 1884, and adopted in 1885, to confirm the practice heretofore pursued by the Imperial Officers :

SECTION XX.—*Additional Clause :*

“Deputies shall first qualify, by the payment of a fee of ten dollars for the Commission of Authority, and five dollars for a copy of the Oriental Ritual.”

SECTION XXI.—*Additional Clauses :*

“For every Commission of Authority for Deputy, ten dollars.”

“For every copy of the Oriental Ritual, five dollars.”

TEMPLE NOTICES.—A list of Temples and Officers has been sent to all Recorders and Grand Potentates, and the Recorders are courteously invited to send copies of their Notices to the addresses therein contained.

Your presence at this coming session of the Imperial Council is fraternally solicited.

Courteously yours in the Shrine,

WALTER M. FLEMING,

WILLIAM S. PATERSON,

IMPERIAL RECORDER.

IMPERIAL POTENTATE.



PRESENT AT OPENING.

OFFICERS.

M. . Ill. .	WALTER M. FLEMING,	Imperial Potentate.
V. . Ill. .	SAM BRIGGS,	Imperial Deputy Potentate.
Ill. .	WILLIAM B. MELISH,	Imperial Chief Rabban.
“	JOSEPH S. WRIGHT,	as Imperial Assistant Rabban.
“	WILLIAM RYAN,	as Imperial High Priest and Prophet.
“	JAMES MCGEE,	Imperial Oriental Guide.
“	JOSEPH M. LEVÉY,	Imperial Treasurer.
“	WILLIAM S. PATERSON,	Imperial Recorder.
“	HENRY E. HOSLEY,	as Imperial First Cer. Master.
“	CHARLES H. FLACH,	Imperial Second Cer. Master.
“	JAMES H. THOMPSON,	as Imperial Marshal.
“	CLARENCE B. MASON,	as Imperial Captain of the Guard.
“	GEORGE E. PANTLIND,	as Imperial Outer Guard.
“	THEODORE ELMENDORF,	as Imperial Assistant Guard.
“	JOSEPH B. EAKINS,	Imperial Director.

DIRECTORY.

Noble	JOSEPH B. EAKINS,	New York, N. Y.
“	SAM BRIGGS,	Cleveland, O.
“	GEORGE W. MILLAR,	New York, N. Y.

ACTIVE MEMBERS.

Noble	GEORGE P. BALMAIN,	Pittsburgh, Pa.
"	SAM BRIGGS,	Cleveland, O.
"	JOSEPH B. EAKINS,	New York, N. Y.
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"	WALTER M. FLEMING,	New York, N. Y.
"	CHARLES H. HEYZER,	New York, N. Y.
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"	HORACE W. HUBBARD,	Cleveland, O.
"	EDWARD B. JORDAN,	Philadelphia, Pa.
"	JOSEPH M. LEVÉY,	New York, N. Y.
"	GEORGE F. LODER,	Rochester, N. Y.
"	RICHARD P. MARVIN, JR.,	Akron, O.
"	JAMES MCGEE,	New York, N. Y.
"	WILLIAM B. MELISH,	Cincinnati, O.
"	GEORGE W. MILLAR,	New York, N. Y.
"	WILLIAM S. PATERSON,	New York, N. Y.
"	OZIAS W. SHIPMAN,	Detroit, Mich.
"	D. BURNHAM TRACY,	Detroit, Mich.
"	JOSEPH S. WRIGHT,	Philadelphia, Pa.

REPRESENTATIVES OF TEMPLES.

Noble	HENRY E. HOSLEY, G. P.,	Aleppo, Boston.
"	SAM BRIGGS, G. P.,	Al Koran, Cleveland.
"	BENJAMIN W. BROWNE,	Almas, Washington.
"	GEORGE F. LODER, G. P.,	Damascus, Rochester.
"	CYRUS W. EATON, G. P.,	El Kahir, Cedar Rapids.
"	WILLIAM RYAN, G. P.,	Kosair, Louisville.
"	JOSEPH S. WRIGHT, G. P.,	Lu Lu, Philadelphia.
"	WALTER M. FLEMING, G. P.,	Mecca, New York.
"	JAMES H. THOMPSON, G. P.,	Medinah, Chicago.
"	WILLIAM H. MAYO,	Moolah, St. Louis.
"	OZIAS W. SHIPMAN, G. P.,	Moslem, Detroit.
"	JOHN T. BRUSH, G. P.,	Murat, Indianapolis.
"	WILLIAM H. S. WRIGHT, G. P.,	Osman, St. Paul.
"	CLARENCE B. MASON, G. P.,	Palestine, Newport.
"	GEORGE E. PÄNTLIND, G. P.,	Saladin, Grand Rapids.
"	THOMAS J. HUDSON, G. P.,	Syria, Pittsburgh.
"	WILLIAM B. MELISH, G. P.,	Syrian, Cincinnati.
"	JULIUS WECHSELBERG,	Tripoli, Milwaukee.
"	FRAZIER W. HURLBURT, G. P.,	Ziyara, Utica.
"	CALEB H. BENTON,	Zuhrah, Minneapolis.

DEPUTIES.

Noble SAM BRIGGS,	Ohio.
" CHARLES L. DAVIS,	New York.
" JOSEPH B. EAKINS,	New York.
" HENRY E. HOSLEY,	Massachusetts.
" EDWARD B. JORDAN,	Pennsylvania.
" JOSEPH M. LEVÉY,	New York.
" CLARENCE B. MASON,	Rhode Island.
" WILLIAM H. MAYO,	Missouri.
" HENRY H. MCGAFFEY,	Indiana.
" WILLIAM B. MELISH,	Ohio.
" JAMES H. THOMPSON,	Illinois.
" D. BURNHAM TRACY,	Michigan.

PAST ACTIVE MEMBERS.

Noble BRENTON D. BABCOCK,	Cleveland, O.
" FRAZIER W. HURLBURT,	Utica, N. Y.

VISITORS.

A large number of the Nobles of the Order, who were visitors from various parts of the United States, was present, by invitation.

OPENING.



THE Imperial Council in Annual Session was opened in full Ceremonial Form.

The IMPERIAL HIGH PRIEST AND PROPHET delivered the solemn Invocation of the Order.

The Imperial Council was declared open in Ample Form, and in order for business.

The Roll of Officers was called, and appointments were made to fill vacancies temporarily, as noted above.

ADMISSION OF NOBLES.

On motion of Noble CHARLES H. HEYZER, it was—

Resolved, That Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, properly accredited, be, and they are hereby, invited to be present during the Session of the Imperial Council.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE ELEVENTH ANNUAL SESSION.



THE Imperial Recorder announced that the Proceedings of the Eleventh Annual Session had been printed and sent to all Members of the Imperial Council, and to all Temples.

On motion, the reading of the last Annual Proceedings was dispensed with.

On motion of Noble SAM BRIGGS, it was—

Resolved, That the Proceedings of the Eleventh Annual Session, as printed, be, and they are hereby, approved and adopted.



ANNUAL ADDRESS.

The Most Illustrious Imperial Potentate, WALTER M. FLEMING, submitted and delivered the following Annual Address :

NEW YORK, June 10, 1886.

TO THE OFFICERS, REPRESENTATIVES, AND ILLUSTRIOUS NOBLES OF THE
IMPERIAL COUNCIL OF THE ANCIENT ARABIC ORDER OF THE NOBLES
OF THE MYSTIC SHRINE FOR THE WESTERN HEMISPHERE :



Y DEAR ILLUSTRIOUS NOBLES: The cycle of another year has come, and brought to our Order its Twelfth Anniversary of Annual Sessions, and the Fourth Triennial or Election Term. It is with pleasure that I greet you, and congratulate you sincerely upon the privilege of presence here at this time, that your tenure of life still prevails, that the blessings of health and prosperity are still yours, and, furthermore, I earnestly congratulate each and all of our official as well as subordinate Roll upon *to-day's status* of our Oriental Order.

After twelve years of annual successive honors, conferred upon me at your hands, by selecting me as your choice to be Imperial Potentate, and empowering me to preside over the destinies of the Order of the Shrine, throughout the jurisdiction of the Western Hemisphere, I can frankly and truthfully say, with just pride, and without boast, that I honor and respect, appreciate and glory, in the honorable position, the enduring fair fame, the inestimable success, the increasing stature, and the promising prosperity that characterize our Noble Order to-day, and realize that, after all the years of unflagging effort, unwearying zeal, and earnest devotion to the cause, on the part of a well-known few, from its infancy, and the gradually increasing accession to our ranks of faithful and untiring disciples—I say I realize the *entitlement to recognition and lasting remembrance*, which so richly belongs to the rank and

file, the first and early few, as well as the recruited accessions to our arms, which, first, last, and altogether, have succeeded in placing before this day the Noble Order of the Crescent upon a throne and a pinnacle high in establishment, colossal in proportions, and universally popular, and a success to an extent that defies the ravages of dissension, the boisterous storms of persecution, or the disintegrating forces of Time.

For this achievement we should indeed be filled with well timed pride, and for this achievement should we also bestow the honor and the praise upon our faithful and ever zealous subordinate officials, without whose aid our progress would have been meagre, and without whose presence, counsel, and united wisdom, the reward and result of my efforts would have been poor indeed. Through concert of action, and an earnest desire to promote success *unqualified* and undisputable, there have been manifested and exemplified *practically*, instead of theoretically, many of those sublime tenets and attributes Ritualistic in our Order.

Truth and Justice have been liberally dispensed. Fanaticism and Intolerance have been put afar off. Charity, even beyond reason (oft-times), has been bestowed, and the well-being of mankind promoted to the measure of the ability.

Peace and harmony prevail throughout the extensive boundaries of our vast jurisdiction, and we may now feel fully assured that, with good government and watchful care, increasing power is ours, and a continuance of peerless success awaits us. It is no longer a question of probability; its *possibility* has been grandly manifested, and its longevity is only a subject matter subservient to the wish and will of its disciples. Watched with a jealous care, wisdom displayed at your deliberations, unanimity and concert of action on the part of your Court of Resort *ad interim*, adherence to the Constitution and Laws which govern you, and loyal support to your Executive, and no shoal will debar your speed, no rugged coast will wreck your staunch ship, and the achievements of the past will wax tame in the halo of the honors and successes yet to come.

THE CONDITION OF THE ORDER.



HOWEVER great its predecessors, the past twelvemonth has been characterized by a hitherto unknown progress and advancement of our Order's good. One year since it was evident that new honors awaited the Shrine.

The realization of prospect has been far in excess of our most sanguine expectations. In almost every conceivable respect, our active territory has been extended. Recruits to the altars of the Sanctuaries have largely increased, and still increasing. Our well earned fame has spread both far and wide for most commendable acts of ample charity and true benevolence. Our recognition, both home and far abroad, is established in the hearts and minds of men of power and intellect, among

the learned savants of the Old and the New World, a recognition which prevails in the united powers of Oriental Europe, as well as the governing powers of the Western Hemisphere.

We have, in short, become an established and recognized power, within ourselves, of strength and numbers, second to none in Institutions of its peculiar character extant, from the Desert and the Nile of ancient Egypt to the extremity of the civilized borders of the distant West of America.

Negotiations are still pending to further extend the field of membership. New Temples are projected, sincere interest is daily being manifested to espouse our cause, both far and near. The Imperial Council of America is already entertaining propositions for authority, solicited from the Mediterranean Sea, to the borders of England, Scotland, and Wales, from Italy to South America, manifesting a preference for the Ritualistic form and translation *here* exemplified, to the mother tongue ceremonials which prevail in the Order Bektash of Arabia, Egypt, and Assyria.

This is indeed a compliment of no trivial magnitude, and evinces a confidence that has no analogy, and like unto which no precedent is known.

The *kindest* alliance, the *closest* fraternal interchange of courtesy, and the most perfect harmony and affection characterize the relations of our subordinate Temple membership, each earnestly endeavoring, if possible, to excel the other in kindness and hospitality. And this has established a voluntary interchange of social recognition, peculiar in its spontaneity, sincere in its character, harmonious and enduring, thus forming a bond of allegiance that brooks no malice, no unmerited reproach, and develops into an earnest and protective love, which cannot be assailed, and will not be forsaken.

THE FRATERNAL DEAD.



HE Angel Azrael, the fabled messenger of Death, we are thankful to record, has not decimated our ranks in the lapse of the last twelvemonth.

There has been not one from all our active roll called to "The Unseen Temple." Our *Official Corps* remains intact. But two of our "*Past Active*" members have been summoned by the dread destroyer to another and, *we hope*, a better world. The way of all the earth, sooner or later "to this complexion must we come at last." Each must bid those whom he loves and the world a last farewell, each partake of his last supper. The glorious Sun of day must sink into the horizon of the endless night, while the gloom thickens deeply over the yawning chasm, which leads through the sepulchre into the dark Valley of the Shadow of Death, that is we know not what, and lies we know not where, and Death stands forth the victor. The mortal remains are consigned to

the sanctity of the tomb, and the spirit confidently entrusted to the keeping of the God of our Fathers.

The first deceased, a member of our "Past Active" roll, Ill. Charles H. Thomson, 33°, of the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction of the Supreme Council of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry, was well known to most of our prominent members, particularly to those of the State of New York. Illustrious Noble Thomson, to those who knew him intimately, was a sincere friend, a zealous and enthusiastic Mason; through his devotion and energy he had attained to the highest degree within the gift of the Supreme Council, Sovereign Grand Inspector General of the Thirty-third Degree. He was made a Noble of the Shrine early in its history in America. I had the honor to confer the Order upon him some thirteen years since, and although never prominent in an official capacity in the Shrine, he was a faithful and zealous Noble, frequently in attendance at our deliberations, and an earnest appreciator of the tenets of our faith. In the hands of a capable committee I shall place the duty of inscribing an appropriate memorial page, devoted to his memory, with such statistical record as may be obtained, to do full justice to his merit and character as a devoted friend, a faithful Noble, and a Christian gentleman. Deceased, at Corning, N. Y., January 13, 1886.

The second Illustrious Noble dead, during the past year, I had not the pleasure of *personal* acquaintance with, except through correspondence of an official nature. I refer to Ill. Noble Robert Ramsay, of Orillia, Canada, who was also on the roll of "Past Active" members of our Imperial Council. Ill. Noble Ramsay died at Orillia, Canada, January 4, 1886.

It was also my pleasure to confer the order upon this deceased Brother several years since, by Authoritative Letters Patent. All the preliminaries were arranged by Noble Ramsay to establish a Temple in Orillia, Canada, several years since, but, through the press of business or other requirements, the intention was never consummated. The Illustrious Noble has never attended any of our Imperial Council deliberations. The memorial entitlement of Illustrious Noble Ramsay, I shall also submit to the consideration of the Memorial Committee.

Under the Obituary caption it becomes my duty to refer to the demise of one of the Illustrious Dead, recently deceased at Cairo, Egypt. I refer to the renowned savant of the order Bektasheeyeh, or Mystic Shrine, Ill. Mahmoud Pasha El Falaki, Grand Shareef al Muhazzi of "Al Kaheerah Temple," Cairo, Egypt. I received an official announcement manuscript at length, on Saturday, January 2, 1886, from our Deputy and Representative, Ill. John Worthington, stationed at the Island of Malta, Mediterranean Sea, containing full details of death and interment of this Illustrious Sheik, who was called to the Unseen Temple, at nightfall, Sunday, November 29, 1885, Cairo, Egypt, aged 75 years. On Monday, January 4, 1886, the regular official Death Notice was issued in

the public press of New York, and a revised copy of the same, under constitutional authority, transmitted to each and every Subordinate Temple of the Order throughout our jurisdiction, also to all officials and Deputies of the Imperial Council, the notice embracing the Decree ordering the prescribed mourning and ceremonials, the details of which you are all, no doubt, conversant with.

At the first subsequent Regular Sessions thereafter of the Subordinate Temples of the Order, all, or nearly all, of those engaged in *active* exemplification of the work, complied obedience to the mandate, and performed the ancient memorial ceremonials of the Order.

At Mecca Temple, in the city of New York, at their Regular Session, January 29, 1886, no effort or expense was spared to make the rendition of the ceremonies authentic, ample, and most impressive, according to the Ancient Oriental Requirement, and it was in each and every detail an unqualified and proclaimed success. This is the Homage the Shrine pays to its worthy disciples. The entire ceremonies have now been issued, in pamphlet form, by the Imperial Council to its subordinate Temples for future service.

The verbatim official announcement of the death of Ill. Noble Falaki, together with all the details and official service allied thereto, will appear in full in the pages of our issue of Transactions.

TRANSACTIONS OF GRAND OFFICERS.

DURING the past year, there has been a gradual increase of correspondence at the office of the Imperial Potentate, far in excess of any of the preceding years, although formidable and extensive before. The enlarging of territorial boundaries, together with the increase of Temples, recently authorized under Dispensation, and the gradually increasing demand for information and enlightenment in regard to the Order, its character, objects, and peculiarities, emanating from almost unheard of sources both Foreign and Domestic, have comprised a correspondence equivalent to a bureau of almost national magnitude, and involving a series of communications far in excess of the possibility on the part of any single Executive, with any other vocation or profession to claim attention, to do full justice to. It has therefore been necessary to divide the task, and rely largely upon the assistance of an amanuensis to honor the numerous communications with proper replies.

Agreeably to a suggestion in my last Annual Address, a provision has recently been completed whereby the Imperial Recorder will in future compass this requirement, under compensation by a stipulated salary, which will enable him to devote sufficient time and attention to this department, to preclude the necessity of so great an exaction upon the time of your presiding officer, and thus facilitate prompt correspondence in a proper and equitable manner.

In the past some demur has been made and objection interposed relative to the Imperial Recorder, on account of fancied delays in response to letters of enquiry, as well as tardiness in issue and delivery of certificates. It will readily be comprehended how unjust and unmerited these reproaches have been when the facts of the case are really understood. The exactions upon the time of our Recorder have been far beyond his real ability as to time and opportunity, and compensation not at all commensurate with the task. The financial provision has not been equal to the requirement; hence, it is not to be expected that we could command the entire measure of any official's business hours to be devoted to our cause, without an equivalent remuneration, and thereby leave him in a state of personal embarrassment, existing on love of the Order alone, and the glory accruing from his good work.

Until quite recently this has been the case. But now a special provision has been made, whereby his services are rightly ours, and in the future I believe there will be no cause for censure or accusation of neglect of duty. I trust that all who have been inclined to complain in this respect, in the past, will weigh well the facts, and attribute the fault where it properly belongs, which is alone attributable to delinquent Temples, and not to the individual.

Many of you, if not nearly all, would be surprised to know how very many frivolous communications and unnecessary enquiries are sent to our headquarters. Many of the correspondents, although possessed of the Statutes and Regulations, the History, Transactions, and general Literature of the Order, evidently have *never perused them*, and transmit a volume of enquiries, in detail regularly laid down in the above issues; the most trivial subjects, which are legibly and intelligibly explained, are frequently the subject of a most lengthy and copious epistle, literally *unanswerable*, with a commendable patience which should characterize an amiable and saintly official, and not unfrequently, after all explanations have been made, all authority granted, and every detail for organization and establishment submitted, a request is thereafter made for directions and instructions to enable them to proceed to form and open a Temple and exemplify the work. I therefore most respectfully suggest that *advisement special* be hereafter transmitted, in writing, to new aspirants to the Oriental Mysteries, to carefully peruse the Statutes and Regulations, together with such other comprehensive matter relative to the Order as may come to their notice, and then, if there be any obscure or unintelligible points, to ask for enlightenment.

The Directory of the Imperial Council, as an Executive Commission and Court of Resort, have creditably discharged the various duties devolving upon them. They have successfully and amicably adjusted any and all irregularities which have arisen in the past year, and I am happy to state that such exercise of functions has been but seldom required, for the irregularities have been but few, and those few of a trivial and indifferent nature, therefore readily corrected. As a Board of

Equity their services, happily, have not often been required. There have some differences arisen, from *inadvertent* confliction of authority, all of which, however, has been adjusted, or is adjustable, as it has emanated entirely from misunderstanding or lack of advisement as to official transaction. The Directory as an Advisory Council have been of incalculable assistance and inestimable service to the Imperial Body in so many ways that it is unnecessary to stipulate, detail, or endeavor to recapitulate their work. It is enough to say they have proven themselves equal to all emergencies in the discharge of their duties, and, as an Executive Court of Resort, are an invaluable acquisition to the Official Corps of the Imperial Council.

In the recent past, there has been *much* of an official nature devolving upon the Directory, the Recorder, and the Imperial Potentate, both of a Foreign and a Home character. Extensive correspondence relative to the Order, of a historical and interesting nature. The decease of the Grand Sheik, Mahmoud El Falaki, awakened a revival of Historical matters relative to the Shrine. It also developed the authentic ancient Oriental Memorial Ceremonials, and the production of the ancient Legendary Funereal Rites, which have now become a department in our literature, and exemplifications which properly belong to our Order, pamphlet copies of which every subordinate Temple is entitled to.

These Ceremonials are at once beautiful, impressive, and interesting, which, when properly rendered, with the appropriate paraphernalia, properties, and music, comprise one of the most weird and beautiful symbolisms known in history. Much has been published, both of a descriptive and speculative character, on the Order of the Crescent, and it never fails to engage the attention and awaken a profound interest in the lay people, as well as the disciples of the Shrine.

These matters have emanated from authentic and reliable sources, and have been developed to full realization by the careful study and extensive perusal of English translations of Oriental literature, on the part of our Translator, Professor A. L. Rawson, of the City of New York, the learned Arabic scholar, together with your Illustrious Recorder, W. S. Paterson, and your presiding officer; and, I am proud to say, we are rewarded by an addition to our ceremonies that is a beautiful acquisition to our Ritualistic compilation, and well worthy of your study and your efforts to exemplify when occasions arise to require your devotions to the rendition of Funereal and Memorial Rites.

DISPENSATIONS AND CHARTERS.



NDER this title there appears quite an extensive list, having accrued during the last year. Many of them, however, are comparatively unimportant, and a verbatim detail and recapitulation is hardly necessary, particularly of the number of those which embrace simply authority to *confer* the Order in many instances, which

were deemed desirable and expedient for the welfare of the Order. Therefore, I shall submit such report as shall appear desirable as a matter of information, and may prove serviceable subsequently as a matter of ready reference.

On June 20, 1884, for special requirement, and for the welfare of the Order, I appointed Ill. C. L. Davis, of Watkins, New York, Deputy at Large for this Imperial Council, for the purpose of representation in the remote interior, not accessible to existing Deputies, and in Territory not within the jurisdiction of Temples already formed, and deemed desirable on account of this Illustrious Noble's extensive travels and great popularity.

On June 20, 1885, I appointed Ill. Noble Charles M. Truman, of St. Paul, Minn., as Deputy for the State of Minnesota.

On June 20, 1885, Dispensation was granted to Ill. Deputy of Minnesota, Noble C. M. Truman, to form and open a Temple at St. Paul, Minn., under the chosen title of Osman Temple.

The memorandum and record of this Dispensation escaped my notice, through some inadvertency. Consequently, on July 25, 1885, after about a month's correspondence, I granted Dispensation to Ill. Noble John A. Schlener, of Minneapolis, Minn., to form and open a Temple of the Order at Minneapolis, under the name of Zuhrah Temple.

This exercise of authority, dispensating a second Temple in the State, and to be located in such close proximity to the St. Paul Temple, was the cause of dissension and animosity in that jurisdiction, and after considerable effort on the part of *all* concerned, both in the State of Minnesota and the Grand Orient, to conciliate matters and promote harmony, and finding it impossible to do so, I respectfully requested Ill. Noble Schlener, of Minneapolis, to discontinue the exercise of his authority until a decree should be issued by this Imperial Council, whereby all misunderstanding, it is to be hoped, might be equitably arranged, and harmony prevail.

On October 7, 1885, I granted authority to our Ill. Imperial Oriental Guide, Noble James McGee, to confer the Order upon a class of eligible applicants in the city of Rochester, N. Y., October 12 to 16, during the Conclave of the Grand Commandery of the State of New York, for the good of the Order.

On October 7, 1885, I authoritatively approved the chosen By-laws of Aleppo Temple, of Boston, Mass.

October 30, I invested our Ill. Imperial Oriental Guide with authority to confer the Order upon a Foreign applicant for membership, in behalf of Mecca Temple, of the city of New York.

November 17, I granted Dispensation and authority to Ill. Noble Charles T. McClenachan to confer the Order, in behalf of Mecca Temple, of the city of New York, upon the R. W. Grand Master of Masons of the State of New York, Bro. Frank R. Lawrence, and Past Right

Worshipful Grand Master of the same State, Bro. J. Edward Simmons, for the good of the Order.

December 7, 1885, I appointed Ill. Noble Lippman Ottensoser, Deputy for the State of Alabama, located at Eufaula, Ala.

January 6, 1886, I granted Dispensation authorizing the tenure of office to the official corps of Aleppo Temple, of the city of Boston, Mass., valid for the current year, their Election having been held on formation of Temple, November, 1885, one month prior to the time prescribed by the Statutes and Regulations, which is in "December of each year."

January 7, 1886, Dispensation was granted to Ill. Noble M. W. Bayliss, of the city of Washington, D. C., to form and open a Temple in that city, under the chosen title of Almas Temple, through the endorsement and recommendation of Boumi Temple, of Baltimore, Md.

On January 28, 1886, I appointed Ill. Noble Clarence B. Mason, of Newport, R. I., as Deputy for the State of Rhode Island.

January 28, 1886, Dispensation was granted to Ill. Noble Clarence B. Mason, of Newport, R. I., to form and open a Temple under the chosen title of Palestine Temple, to be located at the above named city.

January 29, 1886, I appointed Ill. Noble Robert B. Talfor, Deputy for the State of Texas, located at Houston, Texas, for the best interests of the Order.

February 9, 1886, I granted Dispensation and authority to Ill. Noble James Morton, of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, to form and open a Temple of the Order at the above named city, under the chosen title of El Kahir Temple, on endorsement and recommendation of Ill. Deputy of the State of Iowa, Noble Frank W. Angel, also endorsed by Pyramid Temple, of Davenport, Iowa.

March 17, 1886, I granted Dispensation to Medinah Temple, of Chicago, Ill., to confer the Order of the Shrine upon a class of eligible applicants, at the city of St. Louis, Mo., during the Triennial Conclave of the Grand Encampment of the United States, which is to be held at above named city, on the 21st, 23d, and 25d of September next.

April 27, I granted Dispensation and authority to Ill. Noble Charles S. Hazeltine, of Grand Rapids, Mich., to form and open a Temple of the Order in that city, under the chosen title of Saladin Temple. The nucleus of this Temple received the Order by conference, some time previous, through our Illustrious Deputy for the State of Michigan, D. B. Tracy.

April 22, Dispensation and authority was granted to Aleppo Temple of Boston, Mass., to hold a *special* session, for the purpose of reconsidering and amending the By-laws of the Temple.

On April 26, 1886, Dispensation and authority was granted Ill. Noble Eli J. Crandall, of St. Louis, Mo., to form and open a Temple of the Shrine at the above named city, under the chosen title of Moolah Temple, said authority emanating from the Directory of the Imperial Council.

April 26, 1886, I appointed Ill. Noble William H. Mayo, Deputy for the State of Missouri, located at St. Louis, Mo., for the good of the Order in that State.

On June 9, 1886, Dispensation and authority was conferred upon Ill. Noble Preston Belvin, of Richmond, Va., with fourteen Associates, to form and open a Temple of the Order in that city, under the chosen title of Acca Temple.

There are at present, under advisement, several other applications for authority to organize. Those which have been invested with Constitutional authority, I judge from the interest and zeal manifested in the correspondence, are in a wholesome, and progressive condition, and the territory thus far developed, promises everything that could be desired.

FINANCE AND ACCOUNTS.

AS regards the Imperial Council, the financial outlook, I am most happy to state, is in far better condition than that of which it has ever heretofore been able to boast. The *serious* struggle to maintain establishment which it has undergone for several years past has ended. Health and stability have been the result of long and careful watchfulness, and the vicissitudes of early life have been successfully tided over, and it now stands upon an endurable foundation, which promises to prove a lasting and reliable one. The revenue of the Imperial Council henceforth is assured, if the Temples of its creation prove loyal to its parent. It now only requires the fulfilment of the provisions of our Statutes as regards Returns, Initiation fees, Deputy's adjustments, and such other tribute as the Parent Temple is entitled to from its offspring, and the exchequer of the Grand Body will be ample for its continuance and prosperity.

The popularity of the Order, although great, is yet in its youth. Its increasing extension of Territory is assured, and with the exercise of courteous culture, its already wide spread fame will become more universal, and its revenue all that could be wished, to royally wield the power in a manner requisite to widen the latitude, untrammelled by want of finances, to demonstrate an unquestionable independence. Henceforth, the necessity of reliance upon any one or more of our principal officers or individual members, to liquidate even temporarily, will not be required; that emergency has elapsed. You have now but to go onward and upward, to an unqualified victory.

GRIEVANCE AND APPEAL.

BUT little demand has been made during the past year, upon either your presiding officer or the Directory, to adjudicate upon unreconciled dissention, or sit as a Court of Resort upon any knotty or troublesome difference arising among our now numerous

Temples and formidable list of disciples. Peace and harmony have in the main characterized our course, as has been the prevailing condition for the past twelve years.

When there have existed misunderstandings, the Directory have ever proven equal to the emergency, and stilled the troubled waters to a calm and peaceful placidity, leaving no pang or laceration to prove a thorn in the side of reconciliation. There are at present two or three matters of misunderstanding to be submitted to the Imperial Council proper, for adjudication and decision, through the united wisdom of its assemblage. But even these inadvertencies have not been incentives or provokers of open hostility, but have kindly and generously, amicably rested, unsettled, peaceably awaiting the Grand Council's decree, which, when rendered, will doubtless set all discord at rest, and leave no odium or disappointment behind ; so at least, it is earnestly hoped, the findings will be received.

JURISPRUDENCE AND LAWS.



UNDER the head of Jurisprudence and Laws, there is little to be submitted. A just observance of our Statutes and Regulations, which so admirably provide for all requirements in our faith, supersedes the probability of misconstruction, or violation by mistaken conception of the intent, and as there seems to exist no intention or desire for *wilful* violation, and infringement from ignorance being thus far unknown, no necessity for adjudication on this point has occurred.

The duties of each and every official are carefully and intelligibly defined, that error in functional exercise is to the least very improbable, and infringement of these provisions simply places the violator amenable to the penalties accruing therefrom. I will state, at this juncture, that there now exist some delinquencies and Statute violations, as regards Reports, Returns and Adjustments long due the Imperial Body, which seriously call for judgment, and I respectfully suggest that the Council as a Body deliberate upon these subject matters at this Session, with a view of inaugurating the current year of this *Triennial* Session with a manifesto of earnestness in its intent to ratify its Constitution and Laws by an example of the *fulfilment* of its penal code, at least in reference to some of the old offenders, who seem to silently defy all law and order. I therefore deem it not only advisable, but an imperative necessity for the dignity of the Institution, as an Imperial Body, to exercise its prerogatives in that respect, and inflict the prescribed penalty upon some of its creatures who apparently defy the penal power.

I refer more particularly to Temples which have made no report since our last Triennial Session, or even long prior to that, Temples whose officials quietly receive notices, official letters and communications, and scorn to reply. No returns are to be had, a list of membership it is impossible to obtain, and their existence as a Temple only known from

the record of its chartered establishment. I urge the necessity of summary and decisive measures with such unblushing and unpardonable irregularities. The suspension of such Temples, and recall of their authority, will have a wholesome effect "upon those who remain and know not the fate of the departed." It is certainly time that the Imperial Council asserted itself, especially as to its right to exact loyalty and compliance to its laws, or sustain its dignity with an administration of its penalties. I earnestly suggest the propriety and expediency of noting these unwholesome spots, as among those which should be singled out of the Body Corporate, and marked for speedy treatment, otherwise obedience of your Laws will become loose and qualified, and your decrees set at naught.

REPORTS OF DEPUTIES.



HE transactions of *Deputies* during the past year have been comparatively limited, owing to the fact that a large proportion of the applications and negotiations have been submitted to the Grand Orient Headquarters, either to the Imperial Potentate or the Directory. Besides, the clause in the Statutes relative to *Deputies'* powers provides that, prior to conferring the Order for the purpose of forming Temples, they are required to forward the names of applicants, stating the localities to be represented, and other general particulars, to the Imperial Potentate, and thereby receive the sanction of Constitutional authority to proceed.

The *Deputies'* powers being thus somewhat circumscribed, the natural tendency is to advise application direct to the Grand Orient, and the result is that the indiscriminate exercise of the conferring authority is curtailed, and the confusion and discord accruing from infringement of jurisdiction, from careless haste or lack of knowledge as to the true status of jurisdiction requirements, or previous provisions from headquarters for the dissemination of the privileges of the Order in certain localities, with which the Deputy is not always conversant, is avoided. Hence, more perfect harmony prevails, and errors are unfrequent.

At this Triennial Session, during which the Election occurs, and an entire revision of your official Corps, from the presiding officer, through the Active list, the Emeriti, the *Deputies*, the Directory, and the Representatives, is about to take place, all delinquencies can be readily avoided in the future, by an imperative exaction of proper qualification at once and from the start, and the provisions of the Statutes promptly enforced.

Immediately upon the assumption of office of each and every Deputy, he should be referred to Section XX. of the Statutes and Regulations, with a request to qualify within a specified time, or consider the office vacant, after which, in event of neglect to so qualify, the office should be declared vacant, and a representative appointed who will at once comply with the provision. By pursuing this course, no such difficulties

will arise as in the recent past have characterized the Deputies' course of action, viz., to assume the duties of the office unqualified, and thereby not only commit a grave official irregularity, but one of the important sources of revenue to the Imperial Council be impaired.

RITUAL.



WITH but little incidental additions and trivial changes, which experience by long exemplification suggests, our Ritual is all that could be asked. There is no void to fill, no unintelligible section or imperfection to rectify. But there are some few and slight changes and additions, which could be interpolated, which would render the text perhaps a trifle more euphonious and recitable, and lift the rendering official over some uneven surfaces.

With these exceptions, the Esoteric Ritual is smooth, correct, and authentic. Its rendition is at once a beautiful and impressive ceremony, second to none, Masonic, Ritualistic, Theatrical, or ceremonial of any nature whatever. But as the present edition of the Oriental Ritual will soon be exhausted, I would respectfully suggest that what little addition and improvement can be made to add to its lustre be considered, and submitted to a Ritual Committee, the *original* Committee if it be your pleasure, to carefully arrange such little color to brighten the scene as may be deemed advisable, prior to a reissue of the work.

I desire also to call the attention of the Council to the necessity of looking well to the list of Rituals now out, in the hands of changing and retiring officials. It is not advisable, nor well, to leave the Ritual lost to sight on retirement of the official holder. There is in my possession a receipt for all or nearly all the revised Rituals that have been uttered, and therefore readily traced. On change of officers they should descend to the new officials, or be returned to the Imperial Potentate or the Illustrious Recorder.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS.



ILLUSTRIOUS Nobles, under this head I will endeavor, without unnecessary detail, to compass what shall seem in my judgment necessary, as to matters miscellaneous and unfinished. The success of the past should prove a sufficient incentive to all who are *earnestly interested* in our progress, to persevere in harmony and in peace, each endeavoring to add new laurels to the crown of victory, and each striving to surpass, if possible, the prosperity of our Institution during its tenure in the jurisdiction of the Western Hemisphere. By so doing, honors in rapid succession will await you, and light upon your banners. Let the interchange of courtesy and harmonious reunion prevail, to an extent that will supersede the necessity of the exercise of authority by the Court of Resort. Exemplify our sterling attributes with a spontaneity and voluntary will, in a intercourse with one

another, both official and social, that shall characterize the Order still, however great our numbers, as the one great and noble Institution, composed of the enlightened, sterling men of the day, which requires no monitor, has no need of the exercise of the authority of a Board of Equity or Executive Commission—an Institution which, from its foundation and establishment, is a colossal body of duty bound officials, a tribunal in its entirety, individually and collectively composed of true, trusty, and obligated men, worthy of the title of Nobility, capable of impartially dispensing justice and mercy, and amply bestowing charity, without boast, and without the hope of fee or reward.

This is the true character of the Shrine, and so it should be, and ever continue. Are not the applicants to your sanctuaries of necessity those who have been proven staunch by a series of vows, which alone comprise their eligibility, and which alone should characterize them as loyal, worthy allies, entitled to your confidence and esteem, fitted for an alliance which, once assumed, cannot be set aside nor cast aloof? Remember this, and continue as a combination which has no peer.

Our Institution is a rapidly advancing one. No competitor aspires to excel its rapid strides. Its fame has spread far and wide, and the time is not far distant when it will become the most formidable and colossal alliance of united kindred spirits known since the cohorts of Islam made their triumphal pilgrimage to Mecca. And so let us go on, for it is now *far easier to advance* than to retreat.

There is a praiseworthy zeal on the part of many of the Temples, to excel in exemplification, as well as in Courtesy, Hospitality, and Charity. This is indeed a commendable virtue, and evidently contagious, which contagion reverts to the general good of all. Its salutary effects extend from the coast of Maine to the borders of British America, and the result is enthusiasm, widening territory, and a legion of disciples.

Congratulations and praise come to us from the Isles of the Mediterranean, as well as from the deserts of Arabia, the plains of Egypt and Assyria, and the ancient cities of all Oriental Europe.

The interchange of correspondence between our Grand Orient and these far distant lands is both extensive and interesting. Reports are periodically received of the important matters transpiring under the observation of our representatives abroad. Circumstances of the deepest interest to the disciples of the Shrine are recorded abroad, and transmitted to us, both for information and record. Obituaries of deceased savants and officials of note are promptly engrossed and submitted to us, which require immediate executive action, publication, and acknowledgment. Official notice of the same is the entitlement of every subordinate Temple, every officer and representative; therefore prompt and decisive action is necessary in order to fulfil the duty of official power, and enlighten the entire jurisdiction on these important matters, in an independent and official manner, availing ourselves of every reliable facility to first announce and antedate any or all of the public press of the day.

This *has* been our course of action in the past. We have stood independent and alone in our facilities for promulgating important foreign information. The demonstration of that fact, and the unvarying authenticity of our official announcements, have placed us upon a plane of recognition as possessing facilities, which are reliable and legitimate, for imparting intelligence and information on all prominent and interesting Oriental matters, *in advance* of nearly all other powers of communication, and in intricate detail hitherto unknown in this entire jurisdiction. There exists no reason why this should not continue and increase, until the Shrine shall become possessed of a vast and valuable acquisition to the choice Oriental Literature of the long past, as well as the current elapse of time, and a statistical record of important events, both Foreign and Domestic, unsurpassed by any Institution, which dates its establishment within the present expiring half century. Look well to it that these avenues of information be kept open. Fail not to avail yourselves of every possible facility to increase your powers of imparting information, authentic, choice, valuable, and interesting. Permit no new competitor to open the way to deprive you of these laurels, which are rightly your own. These accomplishments of the Shrine have been a new departure, the results have been fresh, piquant, and most acceptable to the intelligent profane reader extant, as well as to the faithful of our ranks. These facilities are increasing, foster them well, espouse every available approach to desirable record, and by continued courtesy, prompt reply, and wisdom in your mandates and decrees, continue to increase in magnitude and acknowledged power, that shall demand and obtain the recognition and admiration of all beholders, toward an Institution which, although in its youth, has proven itself worthy of the steel of the most ancient and formidable combinations which *have* withstood the ravages of time and the storms of persecution.

The popularity of the Order is now so well and generally established, that the subordinate grades are sought for purposes of eligibility to the Sanctuary of the Shrine. Multitudes are applying at our threshold for the honors and privileges which accrue to those who assume the Arabs' vow. Proceed impartially and boldly, but carefully, lest some malignant or discordant element creep in to mar the unexampled harmony which has not up to this period been impaired. Be true to yourselves, and the Order will mature to a Colossus, which will stand supremely alone in its grandeur of power, achieved for it by you.

And now, Illustrious Nobles, after twelve years of official service, and the many honors of which I have been the recipient at your hands, I am about to retire from the throne of the Imperial Body of the Shrine, and submit its destinies to the tender care of others, *not less* earnest nor loyal than myself, others whose zeal and constancy entitle them to the recognition of your suffrages and confidence. And although this be my retirement in an official sense, in a moral one or in true sentiment it is not. I merely resign the powers, but retain the same interest and

watchfulness as of old. I shall be none the less zealous, although perhaps less active, and shall take inexpressible pride in realizing the steady expanse and growing success with all the gratification of a *sincere adherent* to the cause.

Although I most willingly yield up the sceptre and the power, I cannot say it is without a pang. No official, it matters not how arduous his duties nor how imperative the exactions on his time or attention may have been—I say no official, after so many years of intricate and intense alliance, who has even one warm pulsation or a tithe of sentiment, can yield up his position without a realization of something like a throe of regret. It is not unlike the throwing of a pall about the battlements from which a victorious legion have departed, and, although still in view, seemingly beyond the pale of guidance, and the word of warning or of praise, like unto the silent majority who have passed beyond the gates of association, becoming comparatively lost to sight, but still to memory most dear.

Synonymous with the realization which characterizes the departure of a commander's host, who have passed over the dark Valley of the Shadow of Death, leaving the world to darkness and to him alone, they are ever present in memory, vivid in the mind's eye and recollection, but numbered with the things that were in the dim vantage of the vague past. But there is *no pang* of subsiding honors, no regret of forsaken power, no grief from deprivation of possession nor station, but a mingling of sorrow and of pride, which is a pleasure in spite of the pain. The consolation is still there, that in the past all was well, and the confidence that in the future all will be so still.

Thus having submitted, frankly and without reserve, the true and sincere expressions of my realizations, I retire with just pride, proud of the achievements won in the past, proud of the reliable associates into whose keeping I confidently entrust the destinies of the Shrine.

Whomever your choice may designate as your official corps, I am satisfied that choice will be one of wisdom. I am confident the Roll so chosen will prove worthy of your faith, and will rule and govern the Institution with an earnest and zealous care, perhaps with more honor and glory than that which has been accomplished in the past. And as the cycle of each successive year shall come, let the record be untarnished still. Let but one strife, one contention prevail, and that be, which shall excel his fellow, in truth, justice, and mercy, and all the attributes so plainly taught in our Sanctuaries, and your reward will be an approving realization that *you* have done *your part* in the great cause, however simple its way, still recognized as something accomplished for the general good of all.

I finally commend to you the best interests of our faith.

I predict new successes and honors, which I feel confident will accrue to your cause.

And with kindest wishes, and assurances of a continued watchfulness and pride in all your coming glories, I retire from the exalted position with which I have been so long honored, with a most earnest and sincere God speed, and shall ever remain,

Yours to command in the Faith,

WALTER M. FLEMING,
IMPERIAL POTENTATE.

ADDRESS REFERRED TO SPECIAL COMMITTEE.



On motion of Noble CHARLES H. HEYZER, it was—

Resolved, That the Annual Address of the Imperial Potentate be received, and be referred to a Special Committee for subdivision and for reference to the appropriate Committees.

COMMITTEE ON ADDRESS.

The Imperial Potentate appointed as the Special Committee on Address:

Noble WILLIAM RYAN,
“ RICHARD P. MARVIN, JR.,
“ THOMAS J. HUDSON.

ADDRESS TO BE PRINTED.

On motion of Noble JAMES MCGEE, it was—

Resolved, That two hundred and fifty copies of the Annual Address be printed, and distributed to the Members and Nobles.

In accordance with the Resolution, the Annual Address was printed and distributed to all present.



ABSENT OFFICERS AND MEMBERS.

LETTERS from the following Nobles, signifying their regrets at their inability to attend this Session, were received, and their names ordered to be printed in the Proceedings:

Noble FRANK W. ANGEL,	Noble SAMUEL HARPER,
“ JESSE B. ANTHONY,	“ JULIUS W. KNOWLTON,
“ FRANK H. BASCOM,	“ CHARLES T. MCCLENACHAN,
“ ARTHUR R. BLAKESLEE,	“ HUGH MCCURDY,
“ JAMES A. COLLINS,	“ AUGUSTUS W. PETERS,
“ EDWARD M. L. EHLERS,	“ ALBERT L. RAWSON,
“ CHARLES H. FISK,	“ GEORGE SCOTT,
“ WILLIAM E. FITCH,	“ CHARLES W. TORREY,
“ WILLIAM J. FLORENCE,	“ WILLIAM H. WHITING,
“ JOHN H. GRAY,	“ JOHN WORTHINGTON.



STANDING COMMITTEES.



FOR the transaction of the current business, and to fill vacancies, the Imperial Potentate appointed the following Standing Committees :

I.—Transactions of the Imperial Officers.

Noble HENRY H. MCGAFFEY,
“ HENRY E. HOSLEY,
“ RICHARD P. MARVIN, JR.

II.—Dispensations and Charters.

Noble JOSEPH B. EAKINS,
“ JOHN T. BRUSH,
“ HENRY E. HOSLEY.

III.—Finance and Accounts.

Noble CHARLES H. FLACH,
“ JAMES MCGEE,
“ GEORGE P. BALMAIN.

IV.—Grievances and Appeals.

Noble JOSEPH B. EAKINS,
“ SAM BRIGGS,
“ GEORGE W. MILLAR.

V.—Jurisprudence and Laws.

Noble JAMES H. THOMPSON,
“ WILLIAM B. MELISH,
“ EDWARD B. JORDAN.

VI.—Mileage and Pay of Representatives.

Noble JOSEPH B. EAKINS,
“ CHARLES H. HEYZER,
“ FRANK LOCKE.

VII.—Deceased Members

Noble SAM BRIGGS,
“ JAMES H. THOMPSON,
“ WILLIAM RYAN.

FINANCIAL ACCOUNTS OF IMPERIAL POTENTATE.



HE Imperial Potentate presented the following report of his receipts and expenses :

NEW YORK, June 12, 1886.

To the Officers and Members of the Imperial Council for the United States of America :

Your Presiding Officer herewith submits the following report of his financial accounts during the past year, ending this date :

Receipts.

June 4, 1885.	To Balance due Imperial Council.....	\$64 30
July 25, "	Received from Noble J. A. Schlener, Minneapolis, Minn. :	
	Dispensation of Zuhrah Temple.....	50 00
	Fees for seven Charter Members.....	35 00
	Seven Diplomas.....	14 00
	One extra Ritual.....	5 00
	Sixteen subsequent Diplomas.....	32 00
Dec. 26, "	Received from Noble F. H. Bascom, Montpelier, Vt., Annual Temple Dues and 3 Diplomas....	16 00
Jan. 7, 1886.	Noble M. W. Bayliss, Washington, D. C., paid Dispensation of Almas Temple.....	50 00
" 26, "	Noble Clarence B. Mason, Newport, R. I., Ritual,	5 00
Feb. 9, "	Noble James M. Morton, Cedar Rapids, Iowa :	
	Paid Dispensation of El Kahir Temple.....	50 00
	Fees for seven Charter Members.....	35 00
	Seven Diplomas.....	14 00
March 4, "	Noble Charles S. Hazeltine, Grand Rapids, Mich., Initiation Fee, \$5.00, Ritual, \$5.00, Diploma, \$2.00.....	12 00
April 3, "	Noble Charles S. Hazeltine, Dispensation of Saladin Temple.....	50 00
" 7, "	Noble C. W. Eaton, Cedar Rapids, Iowa, five Diplomas for El Kahir Temple.....	10 00
" 26, "	Noble George E. Pantlind, Grand Rapids, Diploma,	2 00
June 9, "	Received from Noble Preston Belvin, Richmond, Va., for Dispensation of Acca Temple....	50 00
	Fees for fourteen Charter Members.....	70 00
	Diploma Fees for fifteen Nobles.....	30 00
	One extra Ritual.....	5 00
Total.....		\$599 30

Disbursements.

June 4, 1885, to June 12, 1886. By outlay for year :

Clerk, Amanuensis, Stationery, Postage, Express, Fares, Notices, Obituary, and Incidental Expenses.....	\$188 93
Total.....	\$188 93

Recapitulation.

Receipts.....	\$599 30
Disbursements.....	188 93
Balance due to Imperial Council.	\$410 37

Courteously submitted,

WALTER M. FLEMING,

Imperial Potentate.

REFERENCE OF IMPERIAL POTENTATE'S ACCOUNTS.

On motion of Noble HENRY E. HOSLEY, it was—

Resolved, That the financial accounts of the Imperial Potentate be referred to the Committee on Finance and Accounts.

REPORT OF IMPERIAL TREASURER.



Y the Imperial Treasurer the following Annual Report was submitted :

NEW YORK, June 10, 1886.

To the Imperial Potentate, Officers, and Members of the Imperial Council :

Your Imperial Treasurer herewith submits his annual statement of the Receipts and Disbursements of this Imperial Body, from June 4, 1885, to June 10, 1886 :

Receipts.

June 4, 1885.	To Balance on hand.....	\$442 03
" 4, "	To Cash from Imperial Recorder..	\$552 00
August 24, "	" " "	236 00
December 18, "	" " "	197 00
January 30, 1886.	" " "	50 00
April 1, "	" " "	774 00
May 1, "	" " "	134 00
" 3, "	" " "	372 00
" 22, "	" " "	314 00
" 29, "	" " "	105 00
June 5, "	" " "	324 00
" 10, "	" " "	90 00
		\$3,148 00
Total.....		\$3,590 03

Disbursements.

1885.				
June 4,	By Warrant No. 91,	S. W. Swift, Tiling....		\$5 00
" 4,	" "	92, W. S. Paterson, Salary.....		100 00
" 4,	" "	93, A. L. Rawson, Services.....		25 00
" 6,	" "	94, Schinowsky, Diploma Case.....		7 00
July 15,	" "	95, Macgowan & Co., Proceedings..		221 00
" 31,	" "	96, G. W. Millar, on acc't of Diplomas,		300 00
Dec. 19,	" "	97, " " " " " "		137 00
1886.				
April 6,	" "	98, " " balance.....		200 00
May 1,	" "	99, W. S. Paterson, Sundries.		50 52
" 1,	" "	100, " " " " " "		18 07
" 1,	" "	101, W. Mullin, Engrossing		67 20
" 1,	" "	102, D. G. Bushnell, Engrossing.....		21 55
" 1,	" "	103, W. S. Paterson, Postage, etc....		36 66
" 1,	" "	104, A. H. Kellogg, Printing.....		67 75
" 1,	" "	105, " " " " " "		23 50
" 1,	" "	106, W. S. Paterson, Office Furniture,		76 65
June 8,	" "	107, Ed. Williams, Jewels.....		500 00
Total.....				\$1,856 90

Recapitulation.

June 10, 1886.	Total amount of Receipts.....	\$3,590 03
" " "	" " " Disbursements.....	1,856 90
Balance on hand.....		\$1,733 13

Congratulating the Imperial Council on its brilliant prospects, this, together with the books and vouchers, is respectfully submitted.

JOSEPH M. LEVÉY,
Imperial Treasurer.

REFERENCE OF IMPERIAL TREASURER'S REPORT.

On motion of Noble CLARENCE B. MASON, it was—

Resolved, That the Report of the Imperial Treasurer be received, and referred to the Committee on Finance and Accounts.





REPORT OF IMPERIAL RECORDER.



ANNUAL Report of the Imperial Recorder was presented as follows :

NEW YORK, June 14, 1886.

To the Officers and Members of the Imperial Council for the United States of America :

Your Imperial Recorder respectfully submits the following Annual Report for the year ending this date :

Imperial Council.

At the close of the last Annual Session, and to the present time, there are:

No. of Active Members of the Imperial Council.....	48
“ Past Active Members	23
“ Of which have entered the Unseen Temple, 2	
“ Emeriti Members.....	7
“ Deputies	26
“ Temples which have been Chartered to date.....	21
“ Temples under Dispensation to date.....	11

Reports of Temples.

The Reports which have been received from the various Temples are given in the table on next page.

The Officers of the various Temples are given at the end of these Proceedings.

A Recapitulation of the Annual Reports from all the Temples shows the following totals :

No. Nobles on December 31, 1884.....	2,205
“ “ Entered the Unseen Temple.....	27
“ “ Dimitted.....	33
“ “ Suspended	21
“ “ Expelled.....	2
Decrease in Members.....	83
Leaving a total of.....	2,122

No. Nobles Created to December 31, 1885, including Temples under Dispensation to date.....	1,138
“ “ Affiliated to date.....	13
Total Number of Nobles to date.....	3,273

Reports of Temples, to January 1, 1886.

 EMPLES.	LOCATION.	Members, Dec. 31, 1884.	Died.	Dimitied.	Suspended.	Expelled.	Created.	Affiliated.	Members, Dec. 31, 1885.
1 Acca, U. D. . . .	Richmond	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	29
2 Aleppo	Boston	17	...	1	...	...	97	...	113
3 Al Koran	Cleveland	163	1	...	...	...	32	...	194
4 Almas, U. D. . .	Washington . . .	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	22
5 Boumi	Baltimore	54	1	2	...	...	7	...	58
6 Cyprus	Albany	46	2	...	...	...	4	...	48
7 Damascus	Rochester	63	1	...	15	...	20	3	70
8 El Kahir, U. D.	Cedar Rapids . .	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	12
9 Islam	San Francisco . .	69	...	...	...	...	12	...	81
10 Jerusalem, U. D	New Orleans . . .	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	22
11 Kosair, U. D. .	Louisville	7	...	...	...	...	55	...	62
12 Lu Lu	Philadelphia . . .	376	5	2	...	55	57	...	426
13 Mecca	New York	622	7	4	1	...	146	2	758
14 Medina	Atchison	0	...	...	...	...	...	...	0
15 Medinah	Chicago	144	...	13	2	...	94	6	229
16 Mohammed . . .	New Haven	0	...	...	...	...	...	...	0
17 Moolah, U. D. .	St. Louis	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	10
18 Moslem	Detroit	112	5	8	...	...	36	...	135
19 Mount Sinai . .	Montpelier	26	...	...	...	...	3	...	29
20 Murat	Indianapolis . . .	38	1	...	...	...	68	...	105
21 Oriental	Troy	18	...	...	...	...	...	7	18
22 Osman, U. D. .	St. Paul	7	...	...	...	...	63	...	70
23 Palestine, U. D	Newport	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	62
24 Pyramid	Bridgeport	82	...	...	...	...	77	...	159
25 Pyramid	Davenport	25	1	...	...	...	...	...	24
26 Salaam	Olney	13	...	...	...	...	...	...	13
27 Saladin, U. D. .	Grand Rapids . .	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	51
28 Syria	Pittsburgh	130	...	...	...	...	52	...	182
29 Syrian	Cincinnati	176	2	3	3	2	23	1	190
30 Tripoli, U. D. .	Milwaukee	7	1	...	...	...	60	1	67
31 Ziyara	Utica	10	...	...	...	...	...	...	10
32 Zuhrah, U. D. .	Minneapolis . . .	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	24
Totals	...	2205	27	33	21	2	906	13	3273

Receipts.

There have been received for fees and dues for the year ending this date, from the following Temples, etc. :

DATE.	TEMPLE, ETC.	DUES.	INITIATION FEES.	TOTAL.
June 9, 1885.	Aleppo.....	\$10 00	.....	\$ 10 00
" 4, 1886.	"	20 00	\$212 00	232 00
" 4, 1885.	Al Koran.....	20 00	118 00	138 00
April 16, 1886.	"	20 00	64 00	84 00
March 5, "	Boumi.....	10 00	14 00	24 00
" 15, "	Cyprus.....	10 00	8 00	18 00
May 27, "	" .....	.....	34 00	34 00
June 4, 1885.	Damascus.....	10 00	12 00	22 00
Nov. 25, "	" .....	.....	24 00	24 00
June 10, 1886.	"	10 00	38 00	48 00
Feb. 3, "	Islam.....	10 00	24 00	34 00
June 9, "	Jerusalem.....	.....	42 00	42 00
" 4, 1885.	Lu Lu.....	40 00	.....	40 00
May 19, 1886.	"	50 00	.....	50 00
" 20, "	" .....	.....	114 00	114 00
" 3, "	Mecca.....	80 00	292 00	372 00
June 4, 1885.	Medinah.....	20 00	192 00	212 00
March 13, 1886.	"	30 00	188 00	218 00
April 26, "	Moolah, Dispensation.....	.....	.....	50 00
Jan. 4, "	Murat.....	20 00	138 00	158 00
June 4, 1885.	Oriental.....	20 00	14 00	34 00
" 20, "	Osman, Dispensation.....	.....	.....	50 00
Jan. 9, 1886.	"	10 00	62 00	72 00
" 30, "	Palestine, Dispensation.....	.....	.....	50 00
Nov. 23, 1885.	Pyramid, Conn.....	.....	158 00	158 00
Jan. 19, 1886.	"	10 00	.....	10 00
June 4, "	" .....	.....	92 00	92 00
May 14, "	Pyramid, Iowa.....	10 00	16 00	26 00
Feb. 9, "	Salaam.....	10 00	22 00	32 00
June 1, 1885.	Syria, Penna.....	10 00	96 00	106 00
May 17, 1886.	" "	20 00	104 00	124 00
Aug. 24, 1885.	Syrian, Ohio.....	40 00	196 00	236 00
May 28, 1886.	" "	20 00	46 00	66 00
Feb. 1, "	Tripoli.....	.....	120 00	120 00
" 1, "	Zuhrah.....	10 00	.....	10 00
May 27, "	Fitch, W. E., Ritual.....	.....	.....	5 00
Dec. 7, 1885.	Ottensoser, Lippman, Dep. Fee and Ritual,	.....	.....	15 00
June 24, "	Thompson, J. H., " .....	.....	.....	10 00
" 20, 1886.	Truman, C. M., " and Ritual,	.....	.....	8 00

Total Receipts to June 10, 1886..... \$3,148 00

All of which has been paid to the Imperial Treasurer.

Recapitulation of above Receipts.

Receipts for Dispensation Fees.....	\$150 00
“ Annual Dues.....	520 00
“ Initiation Fees	2,440 00
Deputies' Fees.....	23 00
“ Rituals.....	15 00
Total.....	\$3,148 00

Receipts at this Session.

June 14, 1886. El Kahir Temple, Initiation Fees.....	\$6 00
“ “ Kosair Temple, Initiation Fees.....	110 00
“ “ Moslem Temple, Annual Dues.....	60 00
“ “ Oriental Temple, Annual Dues	10 00
“ “ Osman Temple, Initiation Fees.....	62 00
“ “ Ziyara Temple, Annual Dues.....	10 00
Total.....	\$258 00

Complete Financial Returns.

T may be well here to give a recapitulation of the total receipts of moneys from all sources, so that the whole amount shall be more readily comprehended :

Balance in hand of Imperial Treasurer 1885.....	\$442 03
Received during year by Imperial Recorder.....	3,148 00
“ “ “ “ Imperial Potentate	599 30
“ at this Session, June 14, 1886.	258 00

Total Receipts.....\$4,447 33

Diplomas.

SINCE April of last year, when the new supply of Diplomas was obtained, there have been issued 2,047 Diplomas, a number of which was for orders which had been received previous to that time. As there are only about 600 Diplomas on hand, it will, therefore, be necessary to procure a new supply of three thousand Diplomas before the close of the present year, for the evidence is before us that the rapid growth of the Order will demand a large number to keep up with the present increase in members.

Arabic Almanac and Feasts.

THE numerous inquiries for the Arabic Almanac and the appropriate Feasts necessitated their publication, and, by direction of the Imperial Directory, they were printed and sent to all Temples at the proper times. The Feasts are those which are duly observed at the times given by Moslems in most parts of Islam, and should be carefully followed, in order that the Temples may be in strict accord with the ceremonies celebrated at the same time in Eastern Temples—an unbroken round of praise and song from sun to sun.

Annual Returns.

 WITH great gratification the Imperial Recorder announces that, excepting Medina Temple, of Atchison, Kansas, and Mohammed Temple, of New Haven, Conn., both of which have never reported, there has been received the Report of every Temple; there have also been received the Annual Dues for the past year of all the Temples; and, excepting Moslem Temple, there have, too, been received the Initiation Fees for the past year of every Temple.

Through active correspondence by Noble JOSEPH B. EAKINS, of the Directory, and by some telegraphing lately, a complete record was secured of all the Temples, for the first time, and it is hoped that it will continue so hereafter.

Credentials of Active Members.

 OTICE, in accordance with Section I. of the Statutes, was given to Chartered Temples to select Active Members for the next Triennial Term, two being allowed for each State containing chartered Temples, as Temples had been established in more than twelve States, namely, in thirteen States.

The proper Credentials have been received from all but Islam, Medina, Pyramid of Iowa, and Salaam Temples, although the latter were telegraphed to for information, in case the usual mail had gone astray. These Credentials are ready for delivery to the Committee on Jurisprudence and Laws for determination.

Reports of Deputies.

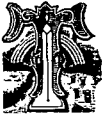
 T the end of this Report will be found the Reports of the following Deputies:

Noble FRANK H. BASCOM,	of Vermont.
“ JOHN H. GRAY,	“ California.
“ GEORGE SCOTT,	“ New Jersey.
“ JAMES H. THOMPSON,	“ Illinois.
“ CHARLES W. TORREY,	“ New York.

Notices.

 ISTS of Temples, with the names and residences of the Grand Potentates and the Recorders, have been issued, and sent to all Temples and others interested, and it is desirable that the Notices of all Temples be sent to one another, to keep them informed of their coming Sessions, thus promoting the grand fraternal intercourse which is a marked characteristic of this Confraternity.

The name, location, and officers of all the Temples will be found at the end of these Proceedings, with the addresses of the Potentates and Recorders, and also the addresses of the Imperial Officers

Books.

HE Imperial Potentate, WALTER M. FLEMING, has prepared the "Book of Ceremonies of Installation" and the "Book of Ancient Oriental Memorial Observances," and directed their publication by your Recorder, copies of which are ready for distribution for the use of the presiding officers of all Temples.

In accordance with the Resolution of last Session, a Book of Registry of Members and Visitors at the Sessions of this Imperial Council has been procured. It will be of great assistance in keeping a facsimile evidence of those present, and its use appropriately begins under the favorable auspices of this Session.

Reduced Fares to Cleveland.

XPECTING an increased attendance of Nobles at the Triennial Session of the Imperial Council, Noble JAMES MCGEE, for the Directory, made formal application to Mr. GEORGE H. DANIELS, Commissioner Central Passenger Committee, Chicago, Ill., for Reduced Fares to and from Cleveland, for Members from all parts of the United States, which was most courteously granted. A notice was prepared and issued by the Imperial Recorder to all the Delegates and Members, accompanied with the required form for securing the reduction in fare, which was to be full fare going and one-third thereof returning. A large number have availed themselves of this privilege.

Office.

Y the efforts of the Imperial Directory, and through the courtesy of Noble A. H. KELLOGG, of Mecca Temple, who has furnished, free of rent, a part of his establishment, your Imperial Recorder has been enabled to establish a regular office for the transaction of the business of this Imperial Council, and, having given up his professional engagements since last January, he is now assured of the opportunity of satisfying all requirements.

With many thanks for the indulgence of the Officers of the Subordinate Temples, and the Members of the Imperial Council,

I am courteously yours,

WILLIAM S. PATERSON,

Imperial Recorder.

REFERENCE OF IMPERIAL RECORDER'S REPORT.

On motion of Noble GEORGE W. MILLAR, it was—

Resolved, That the Annual Report of the Imperial Recorder be received, and referred to the Committee on Finance and Accounts.



REPORTS OF DEPUTIES.

Report of Deputy Torrey.

NEW YORK, June 1, 1886.

ILL. NOBLE WALTER M. FLEMING, MOST ILLUSTRIOUS GRAND POTENTATE,
A. A. O. N. M. S. :

SIR :



It may not be amiss, at the conclusion of the three years during which I have been Deputy of the Imperial Council for the State of New York, to give a short résumé of the events which have occurred during that period, and to refer to the improved condition of the Rite in the Empire State.

No new Temples have been organized, yet the total membership has nearly doubled, being now over one thousand, notwithstanding the loss of one hundred and forty-eight (148) by death, dimittal, and suspension. The domestic difficulties which for awhile marred the usefulness of Damascus Temple of Rochester are now happily arranged, and its membership is steadily increasing. Cyprus Temple, of Albany, is also in healthy condition, while Ziyara Temple, of Utica, and Oriental Temple, of Troy, remain very much *in statu quo*, though the Nobles of Oriental Temple especially are not lacking in zeal or constancy. To Mecca Temple, situated in the Metropolis, and surrounded by peculiar advantages, must be accorded the palm, her membership at this date of writing amounting to 904.

Officers and members of Mecca Temple have on several occasions acted as installing officers for new Temples in neighboring and distant cities, notably in Detroit, Philadelphia, and Bridgeport, while large delegations of Mecca Nobles have visited Cincinnati, Chicago, Bridgeport, Boston, and other places as welcome and appreciative guests.

In the City of New York, Mecca Temple has become almost a household word among the Masonic brotherhood, and more particularly among the wives and families of the Nobles themselves, from the numerous entertainments and excursions of pleasure to seaside or mountains which have been inaugurated by this Temple and its energetic officers, while the sick, afflicted, and suffering have not been forgotten in its liberal

though unostentatious benevolence. Doubtless other Temples in the State have been alike mindful of the injunction in our Ritual to assist the distressed, succor the necessitous, and dispense reasonable charity.

Our Ancient Order, comparatively new though now firmly established in our own country, has laid the foundations of many warm friendships, strengthened social ties, and, by developing the imaginations and higher mental qualities of the "Sons of the Desert," has created bonds of sympathy among those who, in the ordinary routine of Masonic life, might never have known each other's virtues and good qualities. The lofty lessons of virtue and morality which we teach, and which at our oft-recurring meetings fall upon attentive ears divested of all gloomy thoughts, make a lasting impression, which the doctrines and sermons of ascetic monks or preachers would never effect. Our Confraternity, founded upon lasting principles of honor, truth, and justice, developing our kindlier, social feelings, while it stirs our souls to better and nobler thoughts must ever increase and spread in influence and extent throughout the land, and, as long as the sense of innocent and healthy mirth and jollity finds a home in the human mind, our institution must prosper.

Regretting exceedingly that I shall not be able to attend the Triennial Session of the Nobles in Cleveland, I extend to all my brethren of the Imperial Council a hearty and fraternal greeting, and trust and believe that now as heretofore their labors may be wise and harmonious, and result to the benefit and advantage of our honored Rite.

With great respect and esteem, Most Illustrious Sir, I remain,
Fraternally, yours in the Shrine,

CHARLES W. TORREY,
Deputy State of New York.

Report of Deputy Bascom.

MONTPELIER, May 26, 1886.

TO THE IMPERIAL COUNCIL OF NOBLES OF THE MYSTIC SHRINE :

PEERS AND NOBLES :



HEREBY transmit my tenth Annual Report as Deputy for Vermont. We have but one Temple in the State, located at the capital, and the membership, though small, is very select, all the Officers being Thirty-seconds and Thirty-thirds, having seven of the latter. No deaths, suspensions, or expulsions to report. I inclose a list of the new Officers, and the Credentials of the two new Active Members for Vermont. I had hoped to enjoy the pleasure of meeting you all face to face at our Annual Meeting, but pressing private business will prevent. I therefore send my regrets, and ask to be excused, and hope that the gathering may be both pleasant and profitable to one and all.

Fraternally and courteously in the Shrine,

FRANK H. BASCOM,
Deputy for Vermont, and Emeritus Member.

Report of Deputy Scott.

PATERSON, N. J., June 9, 1886.

WALTER M. FLEMING, MOST ILLUSTRIOUS GRAND POTENTATE OF THE
IMPERIAL COUNCIL, ANCIENT ARABIC ORDER OF THE NOBLES OF
THE MYSTIC SHRINE, FOR THE U. S. A., AND MEMBERS OF THE
IMPERIAL COUNCIL :

ILL. NOBLES, DEAR FRATRES, etc.:



MOST respectfully submit the following as Deputy for New Jersey. Would say that no Temples have been created in New Jersey during the past year; the close contiguity to New York and Philadelphia, and the great expense in organizing and maintaining same, would seem to preclude, for the present at least, any necessity, especially when the fame of Mecca Temple, of New York, is taken into consideration, with its brilliant array of officers, and the magnificence of its properties to add splendor to the scenes enacted therein. In the absence of any Temple in my jurisdiction, I have always taken the propositions for membership into the above mentioned Temple. By reference to Director's Register of Mecca Temple for 1885, it will be observed that it numbers some seventy-five (75) Members of the Shrine who are residents of New Jersey.

With kind regards, I remain,

Yours courteously and fraternally,

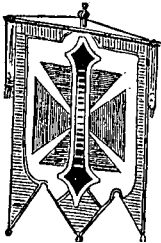
GEORGE SCOTT,

Deputy for New Jersey.

Report of Deputy Thompson.

CHICAGO, ILL., June 8, 1886.

TO THE MOST ILLUSTRIOUS GRAND POTENTATE, OFFICERS, AND MEMBERS
OF THE IMPERIAL COUNCIL, ANCIENT ARABIC ORDER NOBLES OF
THE MYSTIC SHRINE, UNITED STATES OF AMERICA :



HEREWITH present my first Annual Report as Deputy for the State of Illinois, and present a brief outline of the present status of the Order in the State.

Medinah Temple of Chicago is the only active Temple in the State, and the work done by it, and the interest taken by its members, have been most gratifying. At this date, Medinah Temple has a total membership of 323, and each and every one enrolled takes an active interest in the work, and attends its meetings.

Salaam Temple, of Olney, Illinois, I am sorry to say, has done nothing at all. I have investigated to the best of my ability, and find that few, if any, meetings have been held, and no initiations have taken place, nor do they know that any ever will. They have no paraphernalia or wardrobe,

and I do not think they intend procuring any. The Charter for Salaam Temple was granted June 4, 1884, and after a lapse of two years, with no evidence of any work ever being done, it is my opinion that the section of the country in which Olney is situated will not support a Temple of our Order, and their Charter should, if possible, be revoked, and the best interests of our Order suggest that one Temple is enough in this State.

I have in no instance exercised the prerogatives of my office by conferring the orders at sight, except upon those who have been duly elected to membership in Medinah Temple.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

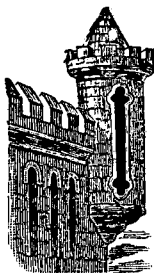
Yours in the Faith,
JAMES H. THOMPSON,
Deputy for Illinois.

Report of Deputy Gray.

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 26, 1886..

W. S. PATERSON, GR. RECORDER, IMPERIAL COUNCIL N. M. S.:

DEAR SIR AND ILL. NOBLE :



IN accordance with Section XX., Statutes and Regulations, I beg to report that, during the year 1885, I was not called upon to perform any act in the capacity of Deputy, except to approve the By-laws of Islam Temple, copy of which I inclose herewith.

The prospects for a large increase in the membership of Islam Temple, during the present year, are good. The selection made to fill the various offices has infused new energy in the entire membership, and applications are now coming in, not only from San Francisco, but from the interior of the State. The Nobles are more anxious, however, for good material than for large numbers.

I inclose the Annual Return of Islam Temple, and Post Office order for \$34, Imperial Council dues.

With best wishes for the success of the Order, and the health and happiness of all the Nobles,

I am, dear Sir and Ill. Noble, courteously yours,

JOHN H. GRAY,
Recorder Islam Temple, and Deputy for California.

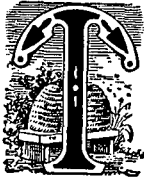
RECEPTION OF REPORTS OF DEPUTIES.



OBLE JOSEPH B. EAKINS moved, and it was—

Resolved, That the Reports of the Deputies be received and printed in the Proceedings, and that such action as may be necessary be taken by the Imperial Council after the Election of the Imperial Officers.

REPORT OF IMPERIAL DIRECTORY.



THE Imperial Directory presented the following Annual Report :

CLEVELAND, O., June 14, 1886.

To the Imperial Council :

The Imperial Directory desire to report that the work of the past year has progressed in an eminently satisfactory manner.

Since the Session of the Imperial Council in 1885, the Directory have recommended Dispensations for Temples to be established at the following places, and have reported same to the Imperial Potentate.

The Directory would further recommend that Charters be granted, at this Session, to the following Temples :

OSMAN TEMPLE,		St. Paul, Minnesota,
PALESTINE TEMPLE,		Newport, Rhode Island,
MOOLAH TEMPLE,		St. Louis, Missouri.

Courteously submitted,

JOSEPH B. EAKINS,

SAM BRIGGS,

GEORGE W. MILLAR,

Imperial Directory.

On motion, the Report was received, and referred to the Committee on Dispensations and Charters.

PUBLICATION OF BOOKS.



THE Imperial Potentate desired that the subjects referred to in his Address, relative to the publication of the "Ceremonies of Installation" and the "Ancient Oriental Memorial Observances," be referred to a Special Committee for consideration, and, on motion, appointed as such Committee,

Noble SAM BRIGGS,

" CHARLES H. HEYZER,

" B. D. BABCOCK.

CREDENTIALS OF ACTIVE MEMBERS.



ON motion of Noble JAMES H. THOMPSON, it was—

Resolved, That the Committee on Jurisprudence and Laws, in accordance with the requirements of Section I. of the Statutes, proceed to determine as to the Credentials of Active Members which have been received by the Imperial Recorder from the several Temples, and report thereon.

TRIENNIAL ELECTION.



THE Imperial Potentate announced that the Triennial Election would be proceeded with, and called for the Report on the Credentials of those who had been elected to serve as Active Members, in accordance with Section I. of the Statutes.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON JURISPRUDENCE AND LAWS.



COMMITTEE on Jurisprudence and Laws presented the following Report on Credentials of Active Members :

Credentials.

Your Committee on Jurisprudence and Laws beg to report that they find the following Temples have filed with the Imperial Recorder duly attested Returns, showing the election of the following Active Members for the ensuing three years :

Aleppo Temple, Massachusetts.

Noble HENRY E. HOSLEY.....South Boston.
 " FRANK LOCKE.....Boston.

Al Koran Temple, Ohio.

Noble SAM BRIGGS.....Cleveland.

Boumi Temple, Maryland.

Noble JOHN S. HOPKINS.....Baltimore.
 " WILLIAM C. NIKUM.....Baltimore.

Lu Lu Temple, Pennsylvania.

Noble JOSEPH S. WRIGHT.....Philadelphia.

Medinah Temple, Illinois.

Noble JAMES H. THOMPSON.....Chicago.
 " JOHN A. MAY.....Chicago.

Mount Sinai Temple, Vermont.

Noble JUSTUS W. F. WASHBURN.....Montpelier.
 " HOWARD F. HILL.....Montpelier.

Murat Temple, Indiana.

Noble HENRY H. MCGAFFEY.....Indianapolis.
 " JOHN T. BRUSH.....Indianapolis.

Mecca, Cyprus, Damascus, Oriental, and Ziyara Temples, New York.

Noble WALTER M. FLEMING.....New York.
 " WILLIAM S. PATERSON.....New York.

Pyramid Temple, Connecticut.

Noble JULIUS W. KNOWLTON.....Bridgeport.
 " THADDEUS B. BEECHER.....Bridgeport.

Syria Temple, Pennsylvania.

Noble THOMAS J. HUDSON.....Pittsburgh.

Syrian Temple, Ohio.

Noble WILLIAM B. MELISH.....Cincinnati.

Total number of accredited Active Members, 18,

Number and Allotment.



OUR Committee further report that, as the full Statutory Membership of this Imperial Council is forty-nine (49), there exist thirty-one (31) vacancies, to be filled at the pleasure of the Active Members present.

We recommend that the following reserves be made :

CALIFORNIA.....	1
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA.....	1
IOWA.....	1
KENTUCKY.....	1
MICHIGAN.....	2
MINNESOTA.....	2
MISSOURI.....	1
RHODE ISLAND.....	1
WISCONSIN.....	1
Total.....	11

Leaving twenty (20) vacancies to be filled.

We recommend that the following allotment be made by States :

ILLINOIS.....	2
INDIANA.....	1
MASSACHUSETTS.....	1
NEW YORK.....	6
OHIO.....	3
PENNSYLVANIA.....	4
Total.....	17

Leaving three (3) vacancies at the disposal of the Imperial Council in the future.

We further recommend that the Active Members from each State shall consult together, and present their nominations for Active Membership to this Imperial Council.

Courteously submitted,

WILLIAM B. MELISH,

JAMES H. THOMPSON,

EDWARD B. JORDAN,

Committee.

On motion of Noble GEORGE W. MILLAR, the report of the Committee on Jurisprudence and Laws was received, the election of the Active Members named was confirmed, and the recommendations were adopted.

ORGANIZATION OF ACTIVE MEMBERS.

Present.

THE following accredited Active Members were present, and, there being more than nine Active Members, the requisite quorum, they thereupon proceeded to organize the Active Membership of the Imperial Council for the ensuing Term :

1. Noble BRIGGS, SAM. Ohio.
2. " BRUSH, JOHN T. Indiana.
3. " FLEMING, WALTER M. New York.
4. " HOSLEY, HENRY E. Massachusetts.
5. " HUDSON, THOMAS J. Pennsylvania.
6. " LOCKE, FRANK. Massachusetts.
7. " MCGAFFEY, HENRY H. Indiana.
8. " MAY, JOHN A. Illinois.
9. " MELISH, WILLIAM B. Ohio.
10. " PATERSON, WILLIAM S. New York.
11. " THOMPSON, JAMES H. Illinois.
12. " WRIGHT, JOSEPH S. Pennsylvania.

Absent.

The following accredited Active Members were absent :

13. Noble BEECHER, THADDEUS B. Connecticut.
14. " HILL, HOWARD F. Vermont.
15. " HOPKINS, JOHN S. Maryland.
16. " KNOWLTON, JULIUS W. Connecticut.
17. " NICKUM, WILLIAM C. Maryland.
18. " WASHBURN, JUSTUS W. F. Vermont.

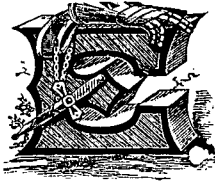
Election of Active Members.

Y regular nominations and due ballot the Active Members present proceeded to fill the Active Membership to the number of forty-six, when the following Nobles were duly elected, those marked with an asterisk being in attendance :

19. Noble *BALMAIN, GEORGE P. Pennsylvania.
20. " BARTLETT, EZRA S. Pennsylvania.
21. " *BROWNE, BENJAMIN W. District of Columbia.
22. " *EAKINS, JOSEPH B. New York.
23. " *EATON, CYRUS W. Iowa.
24. " ELLIOTT, EUGENE S. Wisconsin.
25. " *FLACH, CHARLES H. Ohio.
26. " FOX, JAMES A. Massachusetts.
27. " GRAY, JOHN H. California.
28. " HASELTINE, JOHN W. Pennsylvania.
29. " *HEYZER, CHARLES H. New York.
30. " *HOLMAN, JOHN A. Indiana.

31.	Noble	HUBBARD, HORACE W.....	Ohio.
32.	"	*JORDAN, EDWARD B.....	Pennsylvania.
33.	"	LAND, FRANK E.....	Illinois.
34.	"	*LEVEY, JOSEPH M.....	New York.
35.	"	MCCLENACHAN, CHARLES T.....	New York.
36.	"	*MCGEE, JAMES.....	New York.
37.	"	*MARVIN, RICHARD P., JR.....	Ohio.
38.	"	*MASON, CLARENCE B.....	Rhode Island.
39.	"	*MAYO, WILLIAM H.....	Missouri.
40.	"	*MILLAR, GEORGE W.....	New York.
41.	"	*PANTLIND, GEORGE E.....	Michigan.
42.	"	*RYAN, WILLIAM.....	Kentucky.
43.	"	SCHLENER, JOHN A.....	Minnesota.
44.	"	*SHIPMAN, OZIAS W.....	Michigan.
45.	"	*STILES, WILLIAM A.....	Illinois.
46.	"	*WRIGHT, WILLIAM H. S.....	Minnesota.

TRIENNIAL ELECTION OF IMPERIAL OFFICERS.



LECTION of the Imperial Officers for the ensuing three years was declared in order.

Presiding Officer.

The Imperial Potentate invited Noble BRENTON D. BABCOCK to preside during the Election, who accepted.

Tellers.

The Presiding Officer appointed as Tellers :

Noble RICHARD P. MARVIN, JR.,
" GEORGE E. PANTLIND.

Election of Officers.

By due nominations and regular ballot, the following Nobles were declared duly elected Officers of the Imperial Council for the ensuing three years, and accepted their respective offices :

NOBLE SAM BRIGGS.....	IMPERIAL POTENTATE.
" JOSEPH B. EAKINS.....	IMPERIAL DEPUTY POTENTATE.
" JAMES H. THOMPSON.....	IMPERIAL CHIEF RABBAN.
" HENRY E. HOSLEY.....	IMPERIAL ASSISTANT RABBAN.
" JOHN T. BRUSH.....	IMPERIAL HIGH PRIEST AND PROPHET.
JAMES MCGEE.....	IMPERIAL ORIENTAL GUIDE.
" JOSEPH M. LEVEY.....	IMPERIAL TREASURER.
" WILLIAM S. PATERSON.....	IMPERIAL RECORDER.
" CHARLES H. FLACH.....	IMPERIAL FIRST CEREMONIAL MASTER.
" WILLIAM RYAN.....	IMPERIAL SECOND CEREMONIAL MASTER.
" CLARENCE B. MASON.....	IMPERIAL MARSHAL.
" GEORGE E. PANTLIND.....	IMPERIAL CAPTAIN OF THE GUARD.
" THOMAS J. HUDSON.....	IMPERIAL OUTER GUARD.

Imperial Directory.

The following Nobles were duly elected the Imperial Directory for the ensuing Triennial Term, and accepted their office :

NOBLE WALTER M FLEMING,	}	IMPERIAL DIRECTORY.
“ GEORGE W. MILLAR,		
“ WILLIAM B. MELISH,		

INSTALLATION OF IMPERIAL OFFICERS.



RESIDING Officer invited Most Illustrious WALTER M. FLEMING to install the Imperial Officers, who accepted.

The Imperial Potentate appointed Noble CLARENCE B. MASON as Imperial Marshal.

The Installation Ceremonies were proceeded with in full form, in accordance with the “Book of the Ceremonies of Installation,” and with the adminis-

tration of the following—

VOW OF OFFICE.



(NAME in full) do solemnly promise and vow that I will faithfully, and to the best of my ability, discharge the duties of the office to which I have been elected, and that I will strictly conform to the requirements of the Statutes, Regulations, and Edicts of the Imperial Council for the United States of America.

THANKS TENDERED.



MOVED by Noble WILLIAM A. STILES, it was—

Resolved, That a vote of thanks be tendered to Nobles RICHARD P. MARVIN, JR., and GEORGE E. PANTLIND for their excellent performance of the duties of Tellers ; also to Noble BRENTON D. BABCOCK, for his felicitous Presidency during the Triennial Election of Imperial Officers ; and to Noble WALTER M. FLEMING and CLARENCE B. MASON, for their beautiful exemplification of the Ceremonies of Installation.

RESOLUTIONS AND TESTIMONIAL.



Noble WILLIAM B. MELISH moved, and it was—

Resolved, That a Committee of three, with plenary powers, be appointed to draft Resolutions expressive of the sentiments of the Imperial Council for the services of Most Illustrious WALTER M. FLEMING, the first Imperial Potentate, and that a suitable testimonial be procured to accompany the same.

COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS AND TESTIMONIAL.



THE Committee on Resolutions and Testimonial, the Imperial Potentate appointed:

Noble WILLIAM B. MELISH,
" GEORGE P. BALMAIN,
" GEORGE W. MILLAR.

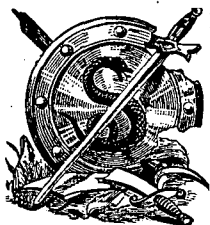
IMPERIAL ASSISTANT GUARD.



THE Imperial Potentate appointed

Noble THEODORE ELMENDORF, IMPERIAL ASSISTANT GUARD.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ADDRESS.



SPECIAL Committee on the Annual Address presented the following Report:

The Special Committee to whom was referred the Annual Address of the Most Illustrious Imperial Potentate; beg leave to submit the following Report:

1. That that portion of the Address of the Most Illustrious Imperial Potentate relating to the Condition of the Order is gratifying, and should receive the commendation of this Imperial Body, and of all Temples throughout the world.
2. That that portion of the Address relating to the Fraternal Dead be referred to the Committee on Deceased Members.
3. That so much of the Address as relates to Dispensations and Charters be referred to the Committee on Dispensations and Charters.
4. That that portion of the Address relating to Finance and Accounts be referred to the Committee on Finance and Accounts.
5. That that portion of the Address relating to delinquent Temples be referred to the Committee on Dispensations and Charters.
6. That that portion of the Address relating to Deputies be referred to the Imperial Council for determinative action.
7. That that portion of the Address relating to the Ritual be referred to a Special Committee.
8. That that portion of the Address relating to Unfinished Business, and all matters not heretofore referred, be referred to the Directory.

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM RYAN,
RICHARD MARVIN, JR.,
THOMAS J. HUDSON,

Committee.

On motion of Noble BENJAMIN W. BROWNE, the Report of the Committee on Address was received, the Committee discharged with the thanks of the Imperial Council, and the subjects ordered to be referred as recommended.

QUALIFICATION OF DEPUTIES.



ON motion of Noble JAMES MCGEE, it was—

Resolved, That every Deputy shall qualify within sixty days, by securing his warrant of authority ; otherwise his appointment shall be declared null and void.

DEPUTIES AND THEIR POWERS.



REAMBLE and Resolutions offered by Noble WILLIAM B. MELISH :

Whereas, In States where Temples of our Order have been established there is no necessity for a Deputy to further the interests of the Order ; therefore be it

Resolved, That no Deputies of this Imperial Council shall be appointed in States or Territories already occupied by Temples of the Order, except in the case of special appointment by the Imperial Potentate, or other legally constituted authority of the Imperial Council.

Be it further Resolved, That the Dispensations of the various Deputies heretofore appointed shall be, and are hereby, revoked ; and that the Imperial Recorder shall notify said Deputies of this action, and see that they make a return of Rituals now in their possession.

On motion, the Resolutions were received, and referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence and Laws, with directions to report at the next Annual Session.

MINIMUM FEE FOR CONFERRING ORDER.



ESOLUTION offered by Noble JOHN A. MAY :

Resolved, That no Deputy, Grand Potentate, or other officer, now or hereafter having power and authority to confer the Order, shall confer or initiate any person into this Order for a less sum than twenty-five dollars.

On motion, the Resolution was received, and referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence and Laws.

AMENDMENT TO BALLOT ON CANDIDATES.



AMENDMENT to the Statutes and Regulations, offered by Noble HENRY E. HOSLEY :

In Section XXXI. of the Statutes and Regulations, after the words "subsequent to a favorable report," strike out the words "a black ball," and insert the words "three black balls;" and, after the words "upon the appearance of," strike out the words "a black ball," and insert the words "three black balls."

On motion, the Amendment was received, and referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence and Laws.

NAMES OF TEMPLES.



ON motion of Noble JOSEPH M. LEVEY, it was—

Resolved, That a Temple having selected an ancient Arabic or Egyptian name, and the same being approved by the Imperial Council, such Temple shall be exclusively recognized by such designation ; and no other Temple shall be known by the same or any similar name.

Resolved, That the Directory take immediate steps to have the names of the youngest of such Temples as have the same designation or a similar one, changed agreeably to the selection of such youngest Temples, to be approved by the Directory ; and the cost for change of seals shall be at the expense of the Imperial Council.

TITLES OF IMPERIAL OFFICERS.



FOLLOWING Resolution offered by Noble GEORGE W. MILLAR :

Resolved, That, in the titles of the Officers of the Imperial Council, the word "Grand" be stricken out, and the word "Imperial" be substituted therefor.

On motion, the Resolution was received, and referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence and Laws.

JEWELS OF IMPERIAL OFFICERS.



MOVED by Noble JOSEPH S. WRIGHT, it was—

Resolved, That the Jewel of each Imperial Officer be placed in the custody of each officer when elected, the Imperial Recorder taking a receipt for the same, and said Jewel to be retained by the officer until his successor is elected.

RECEIPTS FOR JEWELS OF OFFICERS.



IN accordance with the Resolution adopted as above, the Imperial Recorder took Receipts for the fifteen Jewels of the Officers of the Imperial Council.

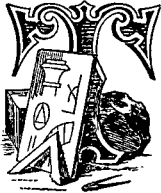
IN THE MATTER OF SALAAM TEMPLE.



CALLING up his Report as Deputy for Illinois, given on page 37 herein, Noble JAMES H. THOMPSON asked that action be taken in the case of Salaam Temple, of Olney, Ill.

On motion of Noble JOHN A. MAY, the whole subject was referred to the Imperial Directory.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON DISPENSATIONS AND CHARTERS.



HE Committee on Dispensations and Charters presented the following Report :

The Committee on Dispensations and Charters, having considered the work and standing of the eleven Temples which are now under Dispensation, offer the following Resolution for adoption :

Resolved, that Charters be, and they are hereby, granted to the following Temples :

ALMAS TEMPLE, of Washington, D. C.
 EL KAHIR TEMPLE, of Cedar Rapids, Iowa.
 KOSAIR TEMPLE, of Louisville, Ky.
 MOOLAH TEMPLE, of St. Louis, Mo.
 PALESTINE TEMPLE, of Newport, R. I.
 SALADIN TEMPLE, of Grand Rapids, Mich.
 TRIPOLI TEMPLE, of Milwaukee, Wis.

The Committee also recommend the following Resolution for adoption:

Resolved, That the Dispensations which have been issued to

ACCA TEMPLE, of Richmond, Va., and
 JERUSALEM TEMPLE, of New Orleans, La.,

be, and they are hereby, continued until the next Annual Session.

The Committee also report that, in the cases of

OSMAN TEMPLE, of St. Paul, Minn., and
 ZUHRAH TEMPLE, of Minneapolis, Minn.,

they disagree, and respectfully request that the Imperial Council take action on these Dispensations, after hearing the representations of the Nobles who are now present in behalf of these Temples.

The Committee further report that

MEDINA TEMPLE, of Atchison, Kan., and
 MOHAMMED TEMPLE, of New Haven, Conn.,

have never made any report, and that no communication can be had with them, and recommend that determinative action on these Temples be taken at this Session.

Courteously submitted,

JOSEPH B. EAKINS,
 HENRY E. HOSLEY,
 JOHN T. BRUSH,

Committee.

On motion, the Report was received, the Resolutions were adopted, and the recommendations were placed before the Imperial Council for action.

OSMAN AND ZUHRAH TEMPLES.



HE subject of the two Temples in Minnesota was called up, and the Imperial Council listened to Noble WILLIAM H. S. WRIGHT in behalf of Osman Temple, and to Noble CALEB H. BENTON, in behalf of Zuhrah Temple, when, on motion, it was—

Resolved, That Charters be, and they are hereby, granted to
OSMAN TEMPLE, of St. Paul, Minn., and
ZUHRAH TEMPLE, of Minneapolis, Minn.

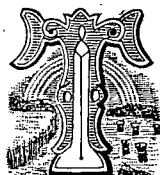
MEDINA AND MOHAMMED CHARTERS REVOKED.



Y Noble WILLIAM B. MELISH, the subject of the Charters of the two delinquent Temples was called up, when it was—

Resolved. That the Charters of Medina Temple, of Atchison, Kan., and of Mohammed Temple, of New Haven, Conn., for the reasons assigned, be, and they are hereby, revoked, and declared null and void.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FINANCE AND ACCOUNTS.



HE Committee on Finance and Accounts presented the following Report :

CINCINNATI, June 14, 1886.

To the Imperial Potentate and Members of the Imperial Council, N. M. S.:

Your Committee on Finance and Accounts beg to offer the following Report :

They have carefully examined the financial accounts of the M. I. Imperial Potentate, the Imperial Treasurer, and the Imperial Recorder, together with the accompanying vouchers and bills, and find them correct.

Your Committee recommend that five hundred copies of the Proceedings of this Annual Session of the Imperial Council be printed, at an expense of not over two hundred and fifty dollars.

In view of the increased amount of work and duties required of the Imperial Recorder, your Committee recommend that his salary for the ensuing year be fixed at the sum of five hundred dollars, and that this amount include any extra services which he may be required to obtain.

We recommend that a warrant be drawn for five dollars in favor of Noble Theodore Elmendorf, for services as Ill. Imperial Assistant Grand during this Annual Session.

We find the amount of cash in Treasury, as per report of Imperial Treasurer, to be \$1,733.13, and that there is still due from Lu Lu Temple the sum of seven hundred and fifty dollars for Initiation Fees.

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES H. FLACH,

JAMES MCGEE,

GEORGE P. BALMAIN,

Committee.

On motion, the Report was received.

SALARY OF IMPERIAL RECORDER.



It was moved by Noble WILLIAM RYAN, that the Report be amended by making the Salary of the Imperial Recorder six hundred dollars a year.

Which was carried.

On motion, the Report as amended, with the several recommendations, was adopted.

DUES OF LU LU TEMPLE.



THE Resolution relative to the payment of the Initiation Fees of Lu Lu Temple for 1884, offered at last Annual Session, was called up by the Imperial Directory.

Noble JOSEPH S. WRIGHT, in behalf of Lu Lu Temple, stated that they had paid the Dues and Initiation Fees for 1885, and asked that permission be given until the next Annual Session to pay the amount due for 1884.

On motion of Noble CHARLES H. FLACH, the matter was referred to the Imperial Directory, with power.

JEWELS OF IMPERIAL COUNCIL.



IMPERIAL Directory reported, in relation to the payment for the Jewels of the Imperial Council, referred to them at the last Annual Session, that they had approved the same at the sum of five hundred dollars, and authorized a warrant to be drawn and paid for that amount.

On motion of Noble WILLIAM B. MELISH, the aforesaid action of the Imperial Directory was approved.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON BOOKS.



SPECIAL Committee, to whom was referred the consideration of the publication of the works on Installation and on Memorial Observances, presented the following Report :

The Committee to whom were referred the Book of the "Ceremonies of Installation," and the Book of "Ancient Oriental Memorial Observances," respectfully report that they approve the same, and recommend that they be exemplified in all Temples whenever occasion may require them.

Courteously submitted,

SAM BRIGGS,
CHARLES H. HEYZER,
BRENTON D. BABCOCK,
Committee.

On motion, the Report was received, the Committee discharged, and the Report adopted.

LETTER TO MR. W. W. CORCORAN.



UNDER the recommendation of the last Annual Session, the Imperial Recorder reported that he transmitted the following Letter to MR. W. W. CORCORAN, after the publication of the Proceedings of 1885, with references to the Proceedings of 1884 and 1885, in relation to the action already proposed by the Imperial Council, which was engrossed in the blank Diploma Certificate :

THE IMPERIAL COUNCIL,
NOBLES OF THE MYSTIC SHRINE,
FOR THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,
TO MR. W. W. CORCORAN, OF WASHINGTON, D. C.,
GREETING :

It is with great pleasure that this Imperial Council have the honor of extending to you their cordial thanks for your unbounded generosity in translating the remains of America's Poet,

JOHN HOWARD PAYNE,

to Washington, D. C., and honoring them with an appropriate monument to his glory ; and also for your further liberality in substantially and appropriately commemorating the first resting-place in Tunis of one who is enshrined in the hearts of our Nobles.

Courteously yours,

[SEAL.]
WILLIAM S. PATERSON,
Imperial Recorder.
NEW YORK, June 4, 1885.

WALTER M. FLEMING,
Imperial Potentate.

MR. W. W. CORCORAN transmitted the following Letter :

M. S. PATERSON, Esq.,
100 READE ST.,
NEW YORK CITY :



DEAR SIR :

I have received your favor of the 11th, and also the Document conveying the thanks of the "Imperial Council of the Ancient Arabic Order of the Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, for the United States of America," for having the remains of JNO. HOWARD PAYNE removed from Tunis to Washington, and in having a suitable tablet placed to mark the spot at Tunis from which they were removed.

Please present to the Council my appreciation of the compliment, while I remain,

Very respectfully,

W. W. CORCORAN.

WASHINGTON, June 17, 1886.

The Letter was received, and ordered to be printed in the Proceedings.

The Imperial Council.

STANDING COMMITTEES.



THE Imperial Potentate appointed the following Standing Committees :

I.—*Transactions of the Imperial Officers.*

Noble CHARLES T. McCLENACHAN,
 “ THOMAS J. HUDSON,
 “ HENRY H. MCGAFFEY.

II.—*Dispensations and Charters.*

Noble JOHN T. BRUSH,
 “ CLARENCE B. MASON,
 “ JAMES H. THOMPSON.

III.—*Finance and Accounts.*

Noble CHARLES H. HEYZER,
 “ HORACE W. HUBBARD,
 “ CYRUS W. EATON.

IV.—*Grievances and Appeals.*

Noble GEORGE W. MILLAR,
 “ WILLIAM H. S. WRIGHT,
 “ GEORGE E. PANTLIND.

V.—*Jurisprudence and Laws.*

Noble CHARLES T. McCLENACHAN,
 “ WILLIAM B. MELISH,
 “ HENRY E. HOSLEY.

VI.—*Mileage and Pay of Representatives.*

Noble JOSEPH B. EAKINS,
 “ CHARLES H. HEYZER,
 “ JAMES MCGEE.

VII.—*Foreign Correspondence.*

Noble WALTER M. FLEMING,
 “ GEORGE W. MILLAR,
 “ WILLIAM S. PATERSON.

VIII.—*Ritual.*

Noble WALTER M. FLEMING,
 “ CHARLES T. McCLENACHAN,
 “ GEORGE W. MILLAR.

IX.—*Deceased Members.*

Noble WALTER M. FLEMING,
 “ THOMAS J. HUDSON,
 “ RICHARD P. MARVIN, JR.

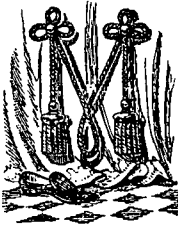
REPRESENTATIVES OF TEMPLES IN THE EAST.



THE Representatives of the Temples in the East, the Imperial Potentate appointed the following members of the Order, who are in constant correspondence with Eastern countries :

Noble WILLIAM J. FLORENCE,
“ ALBERT L. RAWSON,
“ JOHN WORTHINGTON.

RECEPTION AND BANQUET.



MOST Illustrious SAM BRIGGS, in behalf of Al Koran Temple, tendered to the Officers, Members, and visitors of the Imperial Council a Reception and Banquet, to take place in the evening, in accordance with the following invitation :

Es Selamu Aleikum.

ANCIENT ARABIC ORDER OF THE NOBLES OF THE
MYSTIC SHRINE, OASIS OF CLEVELAND, OHIO.

ILLUSTRIOUS NOBLE :

You are invited to participate in the hospitalities extended by Al Koran Temple, to the Officers and Members of the IMPERIAL COUNCIL, at the Triennial Session in this City, Monday evening, June 14, 1886, at eight o'clock.

Given at Al Masjid al Haram, the 13th day of the month Ramadan, Anno Hejra 1303.

ALLAH AKHBAR !

WILLIAM J. AKERS,
JAMES T. SARGENT,
CHARLES T. WESLEY,
PERLEY S. KENNARD,
HORACE W. HUBBARD,
BRENTON D. BABCOCK,
SAM BRIGGS,

Divan al Akarim.

“ FEZ AND JEWEL.”

On motion, the hospitalities of Al Koran Temple were courteously accepted.

PUBLICATION OF PROCEEDINGS.



MOVED by Noble CHARLES H. HEYZER, it was—

Resolved, That the Proceedings of this Annual Session be printed under the direction of the Imperial Potentate, with full power.

NEXT ANNUAL SESSION.

Most Illustrious WALTER M. FLEMING presented the following Letter for the consideration of the Imperial Council :

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., June 4, 1886.

WALTER M. FLEMING, M. I. G. POTENTATE, New York :

ILL. NOBLE :



IN behalf of all the Nobles of the Mystic Shrine in Indiana, I cordially invite the Imperial Council to hold their Thirteenth Annual Meeting in this city.

Looking over the map of our glorious country, you will notice that the camel roads all lead this way, and travellers crossing the weary sands on either side of us tarry in this oasis to get their skins filled and their camels watered.

Come to Indianapolis, and your "Arab faith in innocence and virtue" will be strengthened. We sincerely hope you will come.

Courteously yours,

HENRY H. MCGAFFEY,
Deputy for Indiana

The Letter was, on motion, received, and it was—

Resolved, That the next Annual Session of the Imperial Council be held in the City of Indianapolis, Ind., in the month of June, 1887, notification of the date thereof to be given by the M. I. Imperial Potentate.

DECEASED.



COMMITTEE on Deceased Members presented the following Report :

The Committee on Deceased Members, to whom were referred the deaths of Nobles ROBERT RAMSAY and CHARLES H. THOMSON, Past Active Members, herewith transmit the Memorials prepared by the Imperial Recorder, and recommend that pages be set apart to the memory of the Deceased.

The documents relative to the decease of MAHMOUD EL FALAKI are also presented, in accordance with the recommendation of Most Illustrious WALTER M. FLEMING.

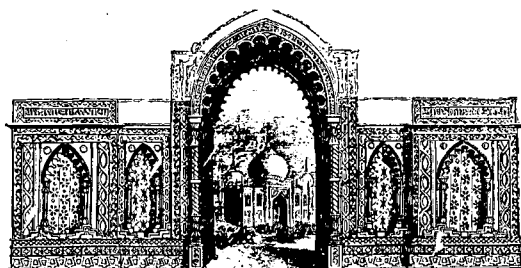
Courteously submitted,

SAM BRIGGS,
JAMES H. THOMPSON,
WILLIAM RYAN,

Committee.

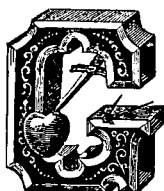
On motion, the Report was received, the Committee discharged, and the Memorials ordered to be published in the Annual Proceedings.





MAHMOUD PASHA EL FALAKI.

THE OFFICIAL ANNOUNCEMENT.



RAND Shareef El Falaki died at Cairo, and the official announcement thereof was transmitted to the Imperial Council by Illustrious Noble JOHN WORTHINGTON, United States Consul at Malta, in the following Letter :

VALLETTA, Island of Malta,

December 10, 1885.

To DR. WALTER M. FLEMING, *Most Illustrious Imperial Potentate of the Nobles of the Mystic Shrine in the United States of America :*

MOST WORTHY AND ESTEEMED NOBLE :

Es Selamu Aleikum !

May your shadow never grow less !

It becomes my painful duty to make known to you, and through you the Imperial Council of the Ancient Arabic Order of the Nobles of the Mystic Shrine in the United States of America, the intelligence of the death of Mahmoud Pasha El Falaki. This our brother in the good cause, a Noble of high degree, and a devoted, faithful member of the Mystic Shrine, died suddenly on Sunday night, the 21st day of the Arabic month Safar, or the 29th of November, in Cairo, Egypt, aged seventy-five years. His remains were interred the day following his demise in the Iman Chaffrai Cemetery, near Cairo, and were placed reverently by loving hands in the family vault, which had only just been completed.

Noble Mahmoud Pasha had driven out to the cemetery on Sunday morning, accompanied by his nephew, the Shareef ul Ulema of the Cairo Shrine, and had told the workmen to finish quickly, and to come to him on Monday morning and be paid. He appeared then in good health. He spent Sunday evening with a friend, his conversation turning mainly upon the affairs of the Order, recounting to his friend the chief points of a historical paper he was about to produce relating to the Shrine of Sinai in Southern Syria during the stirring and bitter years of its struggle for the perpetuity of its ancient rites against the fanatic Kurds of the twelfth century.

This paper will never now be completed by its designer, and our Order must therefore lose an account of a period which would be replete with the highest interest to all scholarly Nobles. After reaching his home that Sunday night, he complained of feeling cold and unwell, laid his venerable form down, and then, realizing that the supreme moment had arrived, covered his face, that none might see his death agony, and passed peacefully away into the Unseen Temple.

He died soon after the muezzins had ceased reverberating from the galleries of the slender minarets of the beautiful city—(the Mohammedan day commences from sunset)—and that hour, when the “morning stars sing together.” The lordly Nile flowed on “with stately step and slow” just under his windows, and perhaps the last earthly sound he heard was the solemn rush of that eternal stream, accompanied by the soul-calming whisperings of Egypt’s night winds through a group of queenly palms that stands in his riverside garden.

When the sun set into the desert on Sunday evening, Mahmoud Pasha was a living man among us; when it rose over beyond Heliopolis on Monday morning—first, of all things in Egypt, gilding the peak of Cheops—our Brother’s soul had gone to the God who gave it—had passed into the tender care of the Merciful, the Compassionate.

His funeral was attended by hundreds of mourners, many of them being Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, including His Excellency Sidki Pasha, Aide-de-Camp to the Khedive, who represented His Highness; His Excellency Aly Pasha Shareef, their Excellencies the Ministers, the heads of Government departments, the pupils of the Government schools. After the remains had been lowered into the vault, His Excellency Noble Dr. Abbate Pasha delivered an eloquent and touching eulogy.

It was owing to the circumstance that the funeral cortège started from the Wakfs Ministry half an hour before the appointed time that many persons were unable to be present to pay the last mark of respect to one who was universally esteemed and respected. It was owing to this circumstance that neither the Egyptian Institute nor the Khedivial Geographical Society was as adequately represented as would otherwise have been the case.

Aside from the fraternal grief and interest we, as Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, take in the death of our venerable Brother, we also join the wider circle of the whole educated world in lamenting his demise. He was one of Egypt’s foremost men of science, a distinguished astronomer and a broad, generous, liberal, and enlightened scholar. In brief, Egypt has, in the person of Mahmoud Pasha El Falaki, lost one of her most illustrious children.

The deceased savant may be said to have died in harness, for he was at work up to within a few hours of his death, and among his works which he leaves to posterity are some of the most erudite which exist in any language. Like a true son of the Nilotic soil, belonging to that noble race which in bygone times furnished the masters of arts and sciences,

and from which Greek civilization, the mother of ours, profited so much, the astronomer and scholar, whose death we now mourn, gave proofs that, even if genius may lie dormant in Egypt for centuries, the seed still exists.

The example of his high attainments gives fair ground for hoping for a revivification of Egypt's ancient glories in the near future. So worthily lived and painlessly died the Shareef al Muhazzi of the Cairo Temple. His life was a success in the noblest sense; his death, a triumph; for the tears and regrets that followed his body into the silent tomb were the tears and regrets of a nation.

To the Shrine he will be an almost irreparable loss. His personal regalia and jewels he bequeathed to his successor in office. The example of his exalted purity and integrity of purpose he bequeaths to all men who prize honorable accomplishments.

I have the honor to be, Illustrious Sir and Brother, yours in the faith,

[SEAL.]

JOHN WORTHINGTON,

*Deputy and Representative of the Imperial Council,
At Malta, Mediterranean Sea.*

EDICT OF SORROW.



PROCLAMATION was made through the Press, on January 4, 1886, giving notice of the death of the Illustrious Noble, and enjoining all Temples to observe the prescribed term of mourning, in accordance with the following Mandate:

NOBILITY OF THE MYSTIC SHRINE.

Proclamation, emanating from the Congress of the Imperial Council of the Ancient Arabic Order of the Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, United States of America, to all Illustrious Potentates, Rabbans, and Noble Shareefs throughout the jurisdiction of the Western Hemisphere.

AFFLICTION!—DISTRESS!—SORROW!

Illustrious Noble ALI MAHMOUD PASHA EL FALAKI, Grand Shareef al Muhazzi of Al Kaheerah Temple, Cairo, Egypt, under the domain of the Crescent, is dead.

This renowned savant of the Order Bektasheeyeh, or Mystic Shrine, is officially announced departed to the Unseen Temple. Therefore ye, the Official Corps extant, Imperial and Subordinate, are hereby commanded, for the full term of the next three crescent moons after this mandate, within the Mystic Sanctuaries of the Shrine, in accordance with the ancient Oriental custom, to drape your altars and tombs with the insignia of mourning; and let the symbolic funeral urn be placed upon the sacred Black Stone, there to exhale incense during all ceremonials, and inscribe upon your Temple records notice of the same, in obedience to Supreme Decree.

W. S. PATERSON,
Imperial Recorder.

WALTER M. FLEMING,
Imperial Potentate.

MEMORIAL OBSERVANCES.



THE Observance of the Memorial Ceremonies was directed to be made by all the Temples, in accordance with the Synopsis prepared by Most Illustrious WALTER M. FLEMING, which was transmitted as an Official Document, with Memorial Page for the Illustrious Deceased, in the following form :

SYNOPSIS OF RITUALISTIC

ESOTERIC MEMORIAL OBSERVANCES OF THE SHRINE.

In the Name of Allah, the Merciful, the Compassionate !

DIRECTION FOR THE LAMENTATION ("SHIKAYAT").

Memorial Ceremonials for the Noble, the Shaykh, the Shareef, the Exalted, the Welee.

This, dedicated and set apart in honor of the memory of

MAHMOUD PASHA EL FALAKI,

Shareef al Muhazzi of Al Kaheerah Temple, Cairo, Egypt, who was called to the Unseen Temple—to Paradise ("Jannat")—at the close of the day, 21st of the Arabic month Safar, 1303 A. H. (A.D. 1885, Nov. 29), grown aged and laden with honors and virtues. He was the Director of the Bektasheeyeh, Honorary Member of the Sons of Alee, affiliate of the Order of the Pillar of Faith, Professor at College El Azhar, Pensioner of the Ancient Foundation for Learned Men, Fellow of Society of Ancient Archæologists, Member of Khedivial Academy, the Learned Doctor in Ancient and Sacred Law, the favored of Heaven.

GUIDE FOR THE SHIKWA (EXALTED SHAREEFS).

They who swerve not from propriety nor the right way, the way of duty, of love, and of reverence for the good ; for such are the receivers of Divine favors, and are the blessed of Allah, and of such elect hold we our departed Shareef.

*Emanating from the Noble Shareef Sultani of the Western Hemisphere,
N. M. S.*

TO ALL ILLUSTRIOUS POTENTATES, RABBANS, AND NOBLE SHAREEFS
THROUGHOUT THE JURISDICTION.

SALUTATION—BLESSING—SYMPATHY ("JAZEBEEYAH").

To the end that we may share in the mercies and blessings bestowed by Allah, on all the faithful and pure, such as are received into Paradise, the abode of the Prophet (Allah favor and preserve him !), we hereby direct that the Ancient Observances, selected from the Book entitled "*Pearls of Faith*," relating to solemn lamentations for the dead, be carefully followed.

The Imperial Council.

SECTION A.—“ZATEE ASHAYA.”

PERSONAL OBSERVANCES.

Officiating Nobles will adopt the Special Title “Shakee” (“Lamenters”).

1.—Officiating Shareefs’ observance of *Sacred Ablution*, in compliance with text of Sacred Numbers, the “SEVEN INITIAL” days of the “Ninety-nine” days of grief.

PREPARATORY.

- 2.—*Purification* (“*Tatheer*”): The mental Oblation to Deity.
- 3.—Submission (“*Itamas*”): Oral supplication on retirement from Ablution.
- 4.—Prohibition (“*Babush*”): *Unshodden*, repeat the “*Tarheen*” from the Koran.
- 5.—Humility. Personal observance of Garb and Toilet.
- 6.—Reverence. Observances at Sunset.
- 7.—Faith. Supplication. Allah. Paradise.

The Appointed Hour.—The Sanctuaries—The Ceremonials.

Personal Cares and Duties.—Due respect to the ancient requirements of the Koran and “*Pearls of Faith*,” “Penance,” “Sacrifice,” The Hair. The Nails. The Feet. The Raiment. The *Piastres of Charity*. The Silk and Sackcloth. Fourth line of Sixth Chapter of the Koran, “Gratification.” “He created you of the Dust.” Orisons at Sunrise, in the Mosque. The “*Yateem*” (“The Orphans’ Fee”). The Book of the Indulged. The Calendars. The Diet (“*Koot wa Shurb*”). “Drink not of the shameful before the sun has sunken in the west.” Forget not the *Armalah* (“Widows’ Fee”). Offer no coin in charity of forbidden date, nor bestow with thy *right hand* in the days of affliction.

SECTION B.—“MAJMAH UMARAY.”

ASSEMBLY OF THE DISCIPLES OF THE TEMPLE (NOBLES).

Enrollment and position in the Crescent of 33 and the Circle of 99. The pines of the Forty-two Judges. The Bearers of the Ninety-nine Sacred Names of Allah. The Actives, the Emeriti, the Deputies. The Selected Motto from the Koran. “The nine days of ascent.” The transition of the soul. The observance of Sowing of Salt and Fennel Seed. The mid-night Crescent of the chosen 13. The trial of the soul, before the two angels “*Moonkeer*” and “*Nekeer*.” The record of life. Recitation (mental), Sixth Chapter of Koran. Recitation in honor of the Noble Dead, now of Aaraf. The soul passing “*Aaraf*”—“the equidistant poise twixt Paradise and Al Hotama.”

KORAN, Chapter vii., 99th line of Chapter "Aaraf :—" "Such as shall have done good works, according to their power, shall dwell eternally in Paradise." The Vase of Deadly Nightshade (*Flowering Belladonna*).

The Amulet, "Zayfaran" (*Saffron Flower*)—Protective Element.—"Anoint, with Oil of Spike and of Roses," only at the appointed time. Propitiate the Lord of the middle region (*between the Earth and Moon*) with Incense of Gum Benzoin and fragrant Myrrh. "The Voyage by Night," from the Circle of 99. KORAN, Chapter 17, "Of Mohammed."

SECTION C.—"THE KADDISHEEN."

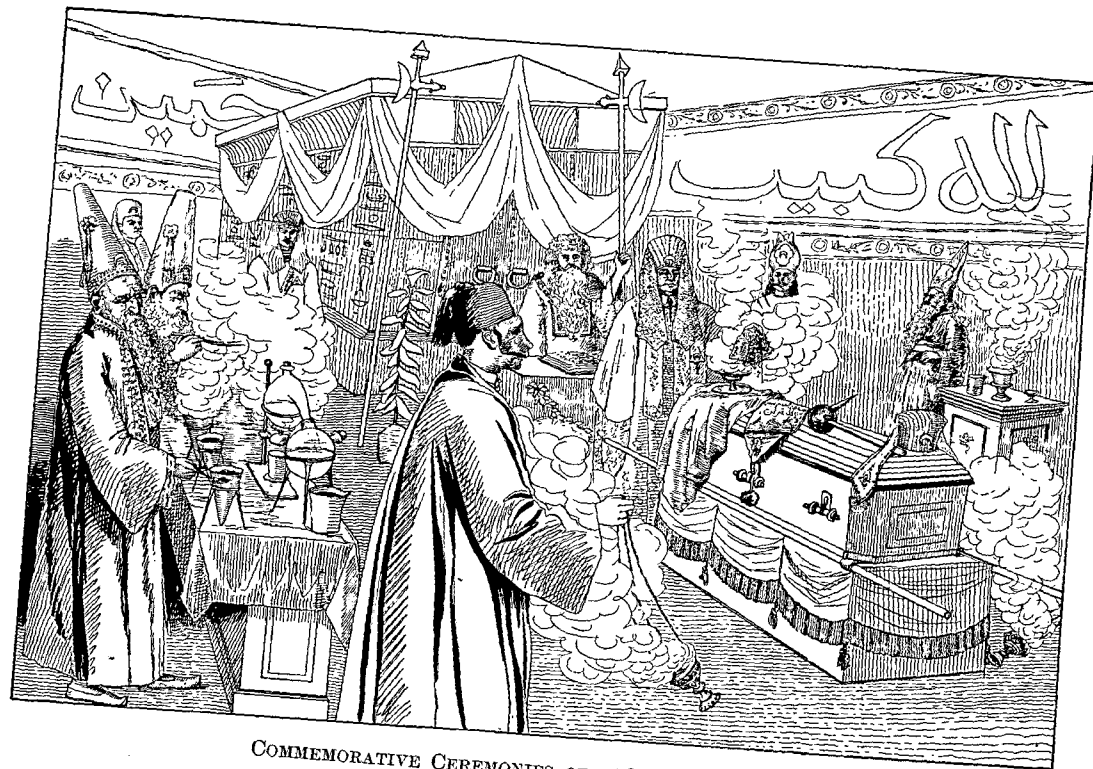
Or, Combined Circles and Crescents, with the Imperial Shayk, shall represent each and every day of the Sacred Year, and thus recite the "Tekbeesh." The sacred responses. The 99 Holy Names of Deity. The Fathah (*First Chapter of Koran*). The "Tekmil" (*Perfection*). "Kuroob" (*Griefs*). The "Tassalee" (*Consolations*). The protection of virtues. "Nasoof al Layal" (*the midnight lament*). Purification of forbidden raiment by Water and by Fire. "Perfume thy righteous Gaberdine with Civet" (*"Zabad"*). "With the sacred names of Allah (99 written), and of triangular fold of fabric, girded with the cord of green, next thy heart and skin, and armed with Faith, thou shalt prove invulnerable to infirmity, disease, or misfortune," for "Al Khaleek al Bakey" (*"He is the Creator, the Everlasting"*).

APOTHEOSIS.

"*The Inevitable*," "The rending asunder," of Al Koran, and the final individualization of the soul. "*Sayodjyam*," the transformation only possible through death. The recognition of Allah the Most High. The officials, although clad in steel, gold, and glory, shall bow down, in reverence and humility, and proclaim that "Allah is God," the Merciful and Compassionate.

Our most glorious attributes are to be exemplified, acquitting ourselves of all temporal thoughts, and preparing, at any sacrifice, to expiate all sin; elucidating the embodiment and personification of the "Great Islam," with Pageants, Zaims, Defenders, Retinue, and wailing Dervishes in sandalled feet, amid the sweet perfumes of Arabia's incense, from the swinging censers and altars of sacrifice, accompanied by fervent music, deep, sad, austere, in weird and mystic melody; and the earnestness and sincerity of the devotion should be so absolute, as to render the sanctuary of the Shrine a Temple of purity, acceptable even for the presence of "Allah," "The Most High."

Thus shall ye teach that Powers Supreme govern our destinies. Admonish your disciples to respect every religion, even if believing none, and give assurance that a noble heart may throb alike in the breast of Arab, Christian, Greek, or Turk. Exemplify the attributes of Toleration, Truth, and Justice. War against fanaticism and superstition, and demonstrate



COMMEMORATIVE CEREMONIES OF A' GRAND SHAREEF.

retribution. Welcome to your altars all duly qualified, enlightened men, who believe in God, without regard to nativity or faith, ever remembering our attributes, as ancient as the corner-stone of Mohammed's Temple at Mecca, as secret as the Moslem Oath that binds the Tribes of Arabia to "Allah," or their God, which are derived from the deep, mysterious legends of the Koran.

THUS DO WE APPEAL !

Given under Hand and Seal, this first day of the Arabic month Rabiul Akhir, A. H. 1303—January 7, A.D. 1886.

[SEAL.]

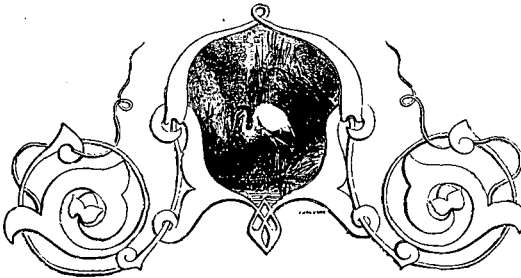
WALTER M. FLEMING,
Imperial Potentate.

WILLIAM S. PATERSON,
Imperial Recorder.

THE COMMEMORATIVE CEREMONIES.



HONOR to the departed was exemplified in the splendor of the commemoration made by all the Temples. An illustration of the interior of Mecca Temple during the Ceremonies is here given, from the design by Illustrious Noble ALBERT L. RAWSON. The Altar was draped with a rich pall, behind which stood a Symbolic Egyptian tomb. In the East rested a Catafalque, on which were laid the purple regalia and scimitar of a Past Potentate of the Order, Vases with emblematical flowers stood in appropriate places. The Grand Potentate was richly arrayed, and the other officers were clad in garments of more or less gorgeousness. The Nobles wore black gowns and fezes. The rites, which were long and elaborate, consisted chiefly of readings from the Koran and the Book called "Pearls of Faith," interspersed with solemn music, the burning of incense, and other symbolical observances peculiar to the Order.





ROBERT RAMSEY.



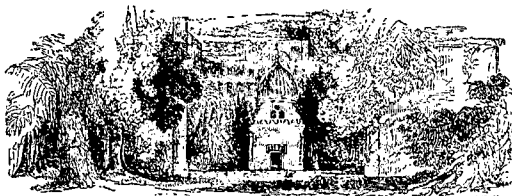
NOBLE ROBERT RAMSAY was born in London, England, in the year 1841, and was brought to Canada by his father, the Reverend Canon Ramsay. There he pursued his education, choosing for his profession that of medicine, in which he was graduated with honors. Removing to Cleveland, Ohio, he was raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason, in Tyrian Lodge, No. 370, in 1866. He entered the various Bodies of Masonry in succession, and held prominent positions in nearly all. He afterward went to Philadelphia, where he resided some time, and latterly went to Orillia, Canada, which he made his permanent residence.

He held commissions as the Grand Representative of the Grand Lodges of Nebraska and Ohio. He was in Capitular Masonry a Representative of the Grand Chapters of Ohio, Nebraska, and Illinois, and was commissioned as Deputy Inspector General of this Rite by the English Grand Royal Arch Chapter. He held many distinguished positions in the encampment of Knights Templar. He had allied himself to many other Orders, which engrossed his attentions considerably in later years. His reputation as a Masonic writer was world-wide, and his peculiar views were given through the *Canadian Craftsman*, which he had edited for many years. Several years ago the Executive Council of England conferred on him the medal of literary merit for his abilities. He had also been created Knight Commander of the Temple by the Prince of Wales.

In 1879 he was created Noble of the Mystic Shrine, and was commissioned Deputy of the Imperial Council on September 18 of that year, in order to establish a Temple in Canada.

While on a visit to Toronto, he sustained a fracture of the leg, and was taken to the hospital, where he died primarily of heart disease, January 4, 1886.

WILLIAM S. PATERSON.





CHARLES H. THOMSON.



OBLE CHARLES H. THOMSON was born in Belcher-town, Mass., August 21, 1830, where his father was a physician. He was educated at Hamilton and Williams Colleges, was graduated from the latter, removed to Corning, N. Y., in 1850, studied law under Hon. George T. Spencer, who was his tutor in his native place, was admitted to the bar, was partner with him from 1853 for twelve years, and had since continued practising his profession. In 1861 he was appointed by President Lincoln, Postmaster of Corning, holding that office for eleven years. He entered the National Guard, rose to the rank of Colonel, and for some years was a Vice President of the State Military Association. He was also for many years prominently active and influential in the Fire Department. In politics he was Republican, held for nearly twelve years the Chairmanship of the Republican County Committee, for several years was member of the State Committee, and was one of its Executive Committee. He was for a long time an officer of the State and National Union Leagues. His large acquaintance with politicians and State officials was exemplified at a State Convention, where his remarkably retentive memory enabled him to recall the names of the representative men of his party. He originated the Corning Library, devoted much time to the selection of the books, made it the best library for reference in any village of the State, and was its President till the recent sale of the property.

His interest extended to Masonry, and on August 23, 1864, he became Master Mason in Painted Post Lodge, No. 117, of which he rose to be Master. In Corning Chapter, No. 190, on February 1, 1866, he was made Royal Arch Mason. He received the Cryptic Degrees in Corning Council, No. 53, June 5, 1871, held for some time the office of Thrice Illustrious Master, and with Illustrious Brother Jackson H. Chase, in 1871, was one of the deputation of the Grand Council of the State who established the Cryptic Rite in London, England. The Chivalric Orders were conferred on him in St. Omer's Commandery, No. 19, of Elmira, N. Y., May 10, 1867.

The Scottish Rite was established in Corning through his earnest efforts, shortly after he had essayed this Rite, in September, 1866, when he organized the Lodge of Perfection, the Council of Princes, the Chapter of Rose Croix, and the Consistory, in all of which he held the presiding office, and for his activity was made Honorary Member of the Supreme Council, June 19, 1869.

In the Mystic Shrine he was created Noble on September 20, 1876, in Mecca Temple; in the Imperial Council was raised to the dignity of Past Grand Potentate, elected an Active Member on February 6, 1877, and resigned June 9, 1881, to give place to Representatives of new Temples.

In 1854, he married a daughter of Judge Thomas A. Johnson, who is still living with her three daughters, one the wife of Rev P. H. Milliken, of Paterson, N. J., the second the wife of Mr. Thomas H. Thomson, and the third Miss Cordelia C. Thomson.

He was affable and genial, had fine social qualities, winning friends on all sides, a man in the true sense of the word, and an indulgent father. While staying at the Dickinson House, Corning, he was suddenly taken ill, without attendance, and was discovered dead, from heart disease, on the evening of January 13, 1886.

WILLIAM S. PATERSON.



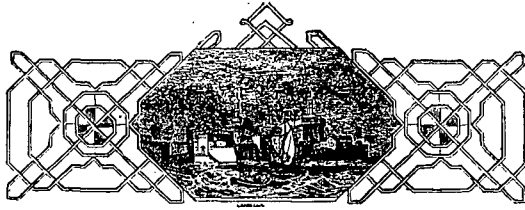
ENTERED THE UNSEEN TEMPLE.

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ATKINSON, THEODORE, JR.....	LU LU	"
BLISS, THALES S	MECCA	"
BOYD, JAMES	MOSLEM	"
CARLIN, EDWIN R.....	LU LU	"
CONOVER, JOSEPH B., JR.....	LU LU	"
DICKERMAN, JOHN STOLHOF.....	CYPRUS	"
DOBBS, CYRUS J.....	MURAT	"
HAINES, GEORGE H.	LU LU	"
HINE, FRANK B.....	MECCA	"
HYATT, I. SMITH.....	MECCA	"
LAY, E. E.	SYRIAN	"
LOESCH, RICHARD C., JR.....	MECCA	"
MABLEY, C. R	MOSLEM	"
MELCHERT, FREDERICK.....	(IOWA) PYRAMID	"
MILLS, FRANK.....	LU LU	"
MOORE, CORNELIUS.....	MOSLEM	"
PARKER, W. W.....	AL KORAN	"
PEACOCK, W. D.....	BOUMI	"
PHELPS, A. WARREN	TRIPOLI	"
PRESTON, D. G.....	MOSLEM	"
ST. JOHN, ELIAS P.....	MECCA	"
SHERAR, W. W.....	DAMASCUS	"
THORNE, THOMAS W.....	MECCA	"
TOWNSEND, W. C.....	SYRIAN	"
WOODHALL, DAVID MORGAN.....	CYPRUS	"

GLORY TO HIM

WHO TRANSPORTED HIS SERVANT TO THE UNSEEN TEMPLE !



FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE.

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence transmitted the following Documents, which were received and ordered to be printed with these Proceedings :

THE MYSTIC SHRINE IN MALTA AND EGYPT.

MALTA, June 30, 1886.

To DR. WALTER M. FLEMING, M. I. Imperial Potentate of the Nobles of the Mystic Shrine in the United States of America :

OST FAITHFUL AND EXCELLENT NOBLE, *Es Selamu Aleikum!* By this sign I greet you :

In my last official communication to you, I said I should in my next give you an account of the ceremonies attending the Martyrdom of Hoseyn, son of Aly and grandson of the Prophet, who was slain by Yezeed, near Kerbela, in the year 61 A. H., which ceremonies I witnessed during their last annual celebration in Cairo. On February 27th last, I mailed, at Malta, a water-proof envelope addressed to you, in which was contained the promised relation. But it seems that the water-proof enclosure failed to carry the letter safely to your hands, for it went down in the ill-fated *Oregon* in March, and has, I suppose, not been seen or heard of since. I had posted other letters for America by

the same mail that conveyed my Shrine letter, but out of six only one reached its destination, and that one was afterward published in the



SEALS IN WAX ON LETTER.

Cooperstown (N. Y.) *Freeman's Journal*—a letter that had been (as the editor put it) “conceived in the heat of Vesuvius” (for it described a visit I had made to that famous volcano) “and cooled in the waves of the Atlantic when the *Oregon* went down.” However, it cannot be helped now, although I cannot but regret the result of the labor and study I gave to the Martyrdom of Hoseyn for the possible delectation of the Mecca Nobles.

I received, curiously enough, about the same time, a finely executed manuscript in Arabic, from the great Sheikh, AHMED IBN ZEER HAMEEDI, intended to aid my description of these ceremonies, and I herewith send it to you. If you deem it worth translating, Professor ALBERT L. RAWSON may perhaps be willing to give it to your exalted Nobles, instead of the document which I had previously intended for their benefit.

I regret that circumstances and official duties have prevented my forwarding to you, in time for the June meeting of the Imperial Council, the report of my observations of and visits to the Mediterranean and Eastern Shrines during the past twelve months. As I have nothing but good news and encouraging intelligence to impart, you will, I hope, have no cause to lament my tardiness. Everywhere, everywhere in this grey-haired and venerable part of the world the Mystic work goes bravely on. I am, after each return I make from visitations to the various Shrines in the countries bordering on the Mediterranean, more and more deeply impressed with the importance of the objects of the Ancient Arabic Order, and of the brilliant work it accomplishes, and the more brilliant work it is destined to fulfil. It seems like a revelation to me, this glorious brotherhood of ours, in which creed is belittled and humanity all-embracing—a brotherhood whose principles and intents can satisfy the longing aspirations of every human being who joins it.

What splendid progress you are making with the Order in America (in “God’s own country,” as I sometimes entitle my own dear country, in confidence to my wife, when a fit of homesickness seizes me for a glimpse of the “green hill far away”), and how proud and cheerful every American Noble must feel of the tie that binds him to it! Men without principles are like affection without charity—sounding brass and tinkling cymbals. Mecca Temple of New York is a *Shrine* indeed. Brother Thompson, of Medinah Temple, Chicago, writes me in a strain of triumph of the substantial growth and excellence of the Nobility there. Knightly Briggs, of Cleveland, sounds the loud timbrel over the glowing diocese of his bishopric, and from all the Temples in the States I hear the “Io Triomphe!” pealing. Therefore I am joyous and enthusiastic and hopeful and sanguine, sending you heartiest greetings from over the seas, where all goes well.

In January last, I made a tour through the Isles of Greece, where “burning Sappho loved and sang,” and found Shrines, in flourishing conditions too, in Syra, Andros, Naxos, and a small one with twenty-seven members in Milo. In the latter island the famous marble Venus was discovered.

The Nobles of the Grecian Archipelago are, mainly, intelligent Greeks of the better class, who are loyal both to their ancient church and to the Shrine. Being high-minded and broad-viewed, they find in our Order a grander expanse for free and charitable privateering, with finer personal results to themselves, than any other conclave or association can afford them. By "privateering" I mean, as the Chief Rabban of the Syra Temple meant when he used the term to me, a greater liberty of thought and lawful action than is found in other bodies. The alms a Noble can give, and the pleasures he can impart, in the name of the Shrine, are not limited to the rigid barriers that sometimes contract Church and State. "Any man," he said, "was his dear brother and friend, whatever his nationality, if he was bound by the mystic tie and wore the tiger crescent. In Rhodes—that classic and glorious island of knightly fame—the Bektash has a vigorous and numerous membership, with a regalia and ritual that would put to shame, without envyings, several well-to-do cloisters of Islam of greater wealth in the jurisdiction of the East. The Legendary Chambers of the Arabic Shrine in Athens is a finely appointed sanctuary, and is composed of many Greeks whose lineage can be traced well back toward a past that embraces Marathon, Salamis, and Thermopylæ. In the four sides of the Altar in this Shrine are let in four antique breastplates (not larger than "chest-protectors"), that are said to have been once worn by Aristides, Eurybiades, Themistokles, and Leonidas, four famous characters in those old B. C. days that tried men's souls and made immortal history. Indeed, I assure you it was not a little impressive to go through the chambers and halls of a Shrine that was placed in the afternoon shadows of the Acropolis, on whose lofty citadal-like height the absolutely matchless and magnificent Parthenon, ruin though it largely is, still stands in a glory of simple but majestic architecture unequalled in the structures of this world. Under the guidance of Sir Ajax Caravias, the genial and very clever Shareef an Nazir of the Athens Temple, I made visits to all the sites in and about the town that Greek gallantry and Greek genius made immortal centuries before the birth of our Lord. The Temple of Theseus is still a well preserved structure, and its original outlines, columns, walls, and roof are nearly perfect. Its color is a varying buff, with a tone rich and mellow at all times, but superlatively so in the glow of the afternoon sun just before he sinks behind the purpling hills of Morea. Sir Ajax took me to the Stadium, a grassy horse-shoe shaped bite out of a small mountain, near the babbling Ilissus, not far from the Temple of the Olympian Jupiter. In this pretty spot the Olympian games were held, and 50,000 spectators could sit on the sloping banks and witness every athletic movement. These famous games where instituted 776 B. C., and they still live, but with clothes on. It is said the old artistically inclined Greeks, who watched the naked contestants in these games very closely, were thereby enabled to reproduce in marble the perfect forms of men and women that are to this day things of unequalled and

undying beauty. The modern Greeks feed goats and sell wine in the Stadium now, but it is still kept tidily. Sir Ajax and I spent many a rememberful hour on the Acropolis—hours so replete with absorbing and beautiful memories that I shall never forget them, for, from the exquisite porticoes of the Propylæa and the Parthenon, I looked off over a scene that the great Athenians contemplated, while Greek art and Greek valor was at its highest tide. My eye could rest on no spot within the circling vision, that was not associated with the national greatness of Greece at her best. How hallowed the scene was to the Greeks of old! How precious the remembrance of it will be to me! Below me, the Areopagus, the prison of Socrates, the Agora, the nymph-thronged Pnyx, the grotto of Apollo and Pan, the growing city of Athens, the distant knoll of Sophocles, the Attica range, the Bay of Salamis, the Piræus, the Sacred Way, the Ægean Sea, and all that the fertile plain of Attica contains, were within sight. I do not know of any spot on earth where so much that is fascinating to the mind and eye is concentrated in one girdling glance, in so small a space, as the view from the Acropolis.

It was during the month of Rabih ul Akhir that my visit to Athens was made, and snow lay on one of the moss-grey mountains between the valley of Attica and the Marathon battle-field, but in the city and plain of Athens the weather was sunny and warm, the trees were leaved in green, the buds of flowers were opening, the oranges were ripening, the nightingales sang in the branches, and everything was lovely and the moon hung high. I lingered longer in Athens than I had intended to do, because of the pressing and welcome attentions showered on me by the Brothers of our Order, and I mention all these things that the Nobles of America may know how handsomely their Representative in the Mediterranean was treated in Greece. The Greeks were to a man, and even to a boy, in January, hot for war with the Turks, and school-boys had left their desks and put on uniforms and swords preparatory to the struggle they desired. But as the powers have interfered, and even blockaded for a time the Grecian ports, the hot-headed and plucky little kingdom has, at this writing, disarmed, and peace reigns in her borders. One of the highest officers in the Grecian Army and several of lesser rank, as well as a number of the best educated Naval officers, are members of the Mystic Shrine. The Crescent and the Cross shine side by side in Hellas, and both are doing their appointed work. Comparatively youthful as our Order is in Greece the Shrines are in fine working condition, and observe the appointed ritual with exact faithfulness and considerable splendor. You will hear glad tidings of the Nobles there, I predict, for only superior Greeks are admitted into the Temples.

In the month of Shaaban (May) I had the good fortune of getting a passage on a man-of-war going to Egypt and Syria. In Alexandria and in Cairo the Temples of our Order are flourishing beyond my most sanguine anticipations. The richness of their regalias and the elegant

solemnity of their ritual have suffered no falling off in fervor and completeness since my last report to you. In Tanta I was present during the feast of Seyyid Ahmed el Bedawi, and witnessed the Mosque visitations, the picturesque Zikers of the dervishes, and all the other "frills" that make the Tanta Fair so remarkably unique. The Shrine there has 1128 members, and the Mayor of that old Egyptian city wields the jewelled sceptre and wears the purple robe with a grace and dignity truly patriarchal. In the growing town of Zagazig the Sanctuarium of the Prophet numbers nearly 1900 Nobles, and owns property roughly valued at twenty-one million piastres. Its First Ceremonial Master uses a sword that Mehemet Aly wore at the massacre of the Mamelukes. The Grand Potentate's throne is of Russian malachite, and has a very large diamond set in the hollow of a turquoise Crescent at the top. It is very elegant.

While in Cairo, I drove out to the Pyramids and viewed the Sphinx, in company with Noble Hassan Solyman (of whom I have before written you). The Sphinx will soon have its lion's body and extended paws entirely uncovered and exposed to the air for the first time since Belzoni's residence and work in Egypt.

In reference to the unwrapping of the two mummies at Boolak Museum on the first day of Ramadan, under the direction of Brother Noble Maspero, I have this to say :

It will be remembered that the mummy of Rameses the Great, in common with the others discovered at Deir-el-Bahari, was kept intact at Boolak Museum. The mummy is in an excellent state of preservation; the lower part of the ears and a large cut in the left side of the breast, made at the time of embalment, are the only damages sustained. The hands are folded over the breast, and are bony and long-jointed. The total length of the body is about one metre and seventy-five centimetres. The head is one of the most expressive which has yet been found on any mummy. The expression of the features is remarkable, and a glance suffices to show that one is in the presence of the remains of one who held a distinguished position in life. There is nothing in the formation of the skull to indicate any other race but the Egyptian. The chin is remarkably angular and massive. The idea of the body being that of a man of Semitic race may be dismissed, for the nose is long and aquiline. Long heads of this description, with such a nose and little space between the eyes, are to be frequently seen among the Coptic inhabitants of towns, principally among clerks, and in this respect the Coptic inhabitants of towns differ in many instances from Coptic peasants.

Rameses II., who, according to the inscriptions, reigned for sixty-seven years, for about half of which term he shared the regal dignity with his father, Seti I., attained a very advanced age, nearly one hundred years, as is proved in a striking manner by his white hair, which is from four to five centimetres long, and which is silky and has a yellowish tinge, due to the time (about thirty-two centuries) during which the remains were

interred. The conformation of the long neck supported on square shoulders is also very remarkable.

His history is well known to our Western Nobles, through the magnificent Obelisk which is the glory of your Central Park, on the outer edges of the four sides of which are cut his life and victories, by his own orders, and a correct representation of which is given on your Temple notices. According to the dates given by Bunsen, he was a contemporary of Moses, about 1315 B.C. This Obelisk is truly our МИЗРАИ!

The other mummy which was opened turns out not to be that of Queen Ahmes-nefer-aten, but that of Rameses III., the famous Ramses of Greek authors.

It is to be hoped that the management of the Boolak Museum will take very special care of these precious memorials of departed greatness, and of a time when Egypt was in a condition of prosperity very different from that in which she finds herself at the present day.

Mr. H. D. Raunsley commemorates the unrolling of the mummy of the mighty Sesostris, in the following beautiful sonnet, making a worthy companion to Horace Smith's "Address to a Mummy," and also to Leigh Hunt's sonnet on "Egypt":

THE MUMMY OF SESOSTRIS.

Among his perfumed wrappings Rameses lay,
 Son of the sun, the conqueror without peers;
 The jewel-holes were in his rounded ears,
 His thick lips closed above the embalmer's clay;
 Unguent had turned his white locks amber grey,
 And on his puissant chin fresh from the shears
 The thin hair gleamed which full three thousand years
 Of careless sleep could never disarray.
 Hands henna-stained across his ample breast
 Were laid in peace; but though the narrow eyes
 Flamed fires no more beneath the forward brow,
 His keen hawk nose such pride, such power expressed,
 Near Kadesh stream we heard the Hittite cries,
 And saw by Hebrew toil San's temple cities grow.

Brother Noble Maspero has, since I saw him last month in Cairo, been removed from (or rather he resigned) the directorship of the Egyptian Excavations and Boolak Museum. This is a distinct loss to Egyptology. No living man is better equipped in ancient Egyptian lore, or better qualified to classify and explain the treasures which are found.

You will be pleased to hear that Hussein Bey Husin, Shareef of the Cairo Temple, and Wakeel of the Minieh Mudereeyeh, is the fortunate winner of a prize of 600,000 francs in one of the Hamburg lotteries. I congratulated him on his good luck, whereupon he confided to me he should fulfil the vow he made, that in case he won a prize he would

give one-fifth of the money to his Shrine. He will do it formally at the next feast of Moharrum.

I saw His Highness the Khedive at the evening service held at the Citadel Mosque, Cairo, on the occasion of the *Leylet en-Nusf min Shaaban*. A distinguished company had assembled, among whom were to be noticed Ghazi Mukhtar Pasha, several of the Ministers and ex-Ministers, many of the leading native notables, and a large number of Ulemahs.

The night of the middle of Shaaban, or *Leylet en-Nusf min Shaaban*, which is the night preceding the fifteenth day of that month, is held in great reverence by the Moslems as the period when the fate of every living man is confirmed for the ensuing year. The lotus tree of Paradise, which is more commonly called Shegreet el Muntaha (the tree of the extremity), partly because it is said to be at the extremity or on the most elevated spot in Paradise, is believed to have as many leaves as there are human beings in the world, and the leaves are said to be inscribed with the names of all those beings, each leaf bearing the name of one person, and those of his father and mother. The tree is shaken on the night aforementioned, a little after sunset, and when a person is destined to die in the ensuing year, the leaf upon which his name is written falls on this occasion; if he is to die very soon, his leaf is almost wholly withered, a very small portion only remaining green; if he be to die later in the year, a larger portion remains green; according to the time he has yet to live, so is the proportion of the part of the leaf yet green. This, therefore, is a very solemn night to the serious and reflecting among Moslems, who, accordingly, observe it with solemnity and earnest prayer.

But I must be brief. Please receive my assurances that the Ancient Arabic Order in the land of Egypt is prospering and increasing in wholesome strength as the sparks fly upward. The Nobles there send the American Nobles greeting, and wish you every good thing in the name of Allah, the Merciful, the Compassionate.

After the feast of Rajab was over in Egypt, I went on to Syria, entering Palestine by the city of Joppa. Brother Floyd was absent from the town, having gone shooting up country. I was shown a very striking sky-blue "ballseegus," four feet nine inches long from beak to tail, stuffed, and looking very life-like, in Noble Brother Floyd's sanctum, which he had shot on his last shooting excursion in the Jordan Valley. The Shrine at Joppa (or Yafa, as the Syrians pronounce it) will, I believe, soon be strong and healthy again. I had difficulty in understanding the real nature of the set-back the Joppa Temple had experienced two years since (for my Syrian is more wretchedly decrepit than the Yafan's English, and that is profanely knock-kneed, and Noble Floyd was not present to interpret), but I gathered correctly, I think, that the loss at sea of the lamented Shareef Mustapha Abderrahman, while on his way to Constantinople with a large sum of money to buy more elaborate regalia, was the real origin of the Shrine's lethargy. At

that disaster the Nobles for the moment lost heart. "But patience," as the Grand Rabban said to me; "the Sun of Islam even now has again covered the altar vessels with gold!"

Joppa town looks like a castle on a hill as one approaches it from the sea. Near the shore in front of the town, the rocks which are said to be the bones of the giant slain by Perseus when he rescued the chained Andromeda, are pointed out to the gushing tourist, and the steps from which Jonah set sail on his whaling expedition are made known to the Bible tourists. The dome of the house of Simon the tanner, with two or three palm trees near, still stands "by the sea," with tanning-vats still in use. I went from Joppa to Jerusalem by carriage. Left Joppa at 4 P. M., reached Ramleh at 6:30 P. M., stayed at Ramleh all night, and left at 3:30 next morning while the morning stars were still shining in the dark vault of sky that hung over the monstrous hills of Judea. After a terribly rough drive reached Jerusalem at 1 P. M., thus making the pilgrimage of forty miles in twenty-one hours.

I was charmed with the vale of Sharon, whose red sand stretches like a teeming prairie from Joppa to the foot of the Judean hills, and charmed, too, with the quaint scenes of Oriental life and travel that I met everywhere along the route. But the stretch of hill driving from Ramleh to the Holy City was very fatiguing, only relieved by the sacred and chivalric associations that made certain localities interesting. There, on a rocky, olive-covered hill-top, was a town in which the Ark of the Covenant rested for so many years. There was the rock peak on which the prophet Samuel was given sepulchre. There was the narrow plain where Joshua stood when he commanded the sun and moon to stand still. Here was the dry brook from which youthful David picked the stone that slew the great Philistine slugger. Here and there stood the ruins of towers and churches built by the Crusaders. In yonder town nestling at the feet of hills was the birthplace of John the Baptist. The mountain top of Mizpah loomed skyward; and, finally, at high noon-tide, I caught my first view of Jerusalem—and "golden" she appeared, with her walls and domes and towers bathed in a flood of ardent sunshine. That evening I ascended to the house-top of the Hotel Mediterranean, and took in the Holy City and its environs. The Mount of Olives with its sacred sites, the hills of Moab over beyond, a faint glimpse of the Dead Sea, the hills that lie around Bethlehem, the valley of Jehoshaphat with its ancient tombs, the Mosque of Omar where Solomon's Temple once stood, the church of the Holy Sepulchre in the centre of the town, the tower of David within speaking distance of my outlook, the gates of Jerusalem, the pilgrims of all nations and creeds coming and going in the streets beneath, and the Pool of Hezekiah under the hotel windows, and all that makes Jerusalem the holiest spot on earth to millions of Christians, Mohammedans, and Jews, lay under my gaze.

The Mystic Shrine in the Holy City is near the Damascus Gate, and has (for Jerusalem) roomy and appropriate quartering. The work is

well exemplified, and the attributes of the Order handsomely magnified. There are not many wealthy people in Jerusalem, but the richest of them are members of the Shrine. The Nobles there have a Koran and a cloth of gold which were once the property of the Prophet's son, and they prize it accordingly. Their Grand Standard is pathetic in its faded splendor, but priceless in the chivalric and charitable associations that, to my mind, make it one of the choicest and most valuable standards in any Shrine in the world. The very spear-holes illuminate it, and the tatters of its antique fringe tell the well known story of its capture by the bravest foe the Crusaders ever met—the chivalric Saladin himself!

I spent three instructive days in and about Jerusalem. On a drive I made to Bethlehem, I saw on a hill-top a hospital, with the red-cross banner of the Knights of St. John waving over its main tower. A certain Russian Knight of the Order had built and endowed it for the use of pilgrims.

I have reason to believe that the Shrine at Beyrout will speedily now attain effectiveness. From Smyrna the Potentate writes favorable accounts.

The Aleppo Temple has an enviable reputation among the Eastern Shrines.

I hear of two new Shrines in Sicily.

There is a shrine each in Corsica and Sardinia, and one is talked of in the Balearic Islands.

The Shrines in Tunis and Algiers are "booming," and, in fact, "*it is day-break everywhere*" for the Ancient Arabic Order throughout the countries that come down to the lip of and kiss the fair waters of the Storied Sea.

Begging your illustrious pardon for having written so lengthily and poorly, I will now close my report. I close as I began, with the Mystic greeting, "Es Selamu Aleikum!" and may you never know grief.

In the name of the Merciful and Compassionate, adieu.

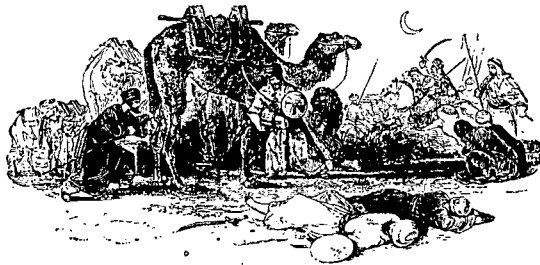
Fraternally Yours,

[SEAL.]

JOHN WORTHINGTON,

*Deputy and Representative of the Imperial Council,
At Malta, Mediterranean Sea.*





THE MARTYRDOM OF HOSAYN.

The following Letter, elegantly written in Arabic, accompanied the Document from Noble JOHN WORTHINGTON, and was translated by Noble ALBERT L. RAWSON, and ordered to be published in the Proceedings:

To Illustrious Brother and Noble JOHN WORTHINGTON, the Excellent and Respectable Consul for the United States of North America, residing at Valetta, in the Island of Malta, and Most Worthy Representative of Temples in the Levant of the A. A. O. N. M. Shrine, a brotherly and affectionate greeting :

In the name of Allah, Merciful, Compassionate !



OR a long time I have intended, say nearly four years, to give you a report on the great annual festival, or mooleed, as the Arabs call it, of Hosayn, the grandson of the Prophet Mohammed, which is the greatest of all religious anniversaries, next only to that of the Prophet, which, of course, outranks all others. The chief cause of the delay has been the fact that to see the festival from beginning to end requires more than two weeks' time, and, of course, much more than that of absence from my post. Reckoning the passage both ways, and the loss of time waiting for steamers, it actually requires nearly six weeks' absence, even when there is no unusual delay with steamers.



This festival is assigned to the fourth month, Rabeea-at-Tanee, and the grand day of the festival is always on a Tuesday, and ends the affair, after fourteen days of what may be called "a high old time."

I must presume that all Nobles know that a great number of saints are honored with an anniversary birth-day festival, or Mooleed, when admirers or devotees visit the tomb, some from a sense of duty, and others from supposing that a blessing is to be had if asked for there at that time. The Koran is read or recited at the tomb by hired professionals, fakeers or dervishes perform a Ziker, lamps are hung about the place, coffee flows copiously, pipes fume, story-tellers do their best, and

these customs are continued a longer or shorter term of days according to the celebrity of the saint who is honored.

A peculiar feature of this business is that nearly all Mooslim feel that, if they neglect to visit the tomb of their favorite saint at his annual mooleed, some evil will result to them as a punishment for their neglect. What will become of me for having neglected this duty for four years ! However, I am doing my best to atone for the past.

I must also suppose that Nobles are informed as to other observances at the festivals ; but since I see it reported that a great number of Masons are made Nobles each year, it may be well to repeat a part for their information. The visitors invariably leave small sums of money with the shayk of the tomb, or other gifts, and many suspend votive offerings, as a suggestion to the saint that a cure is desired for some ailment, of which a model has been made. Some of the gifts are lambs, kids, sheep, an ox, etc., and when the animal is prepared for a feast, the credit for giving it is given to the saint who is honored.

The mooleed of the Sayeed Ahmad-el-Bedawee, which is held at Tunta, is a great fair as well as a religious festival, and it is held three times each year. It is said that more pilgrims visit his tomb than go to Meccah. Each festival in his honor lasts a week and a day, beginning and ending on Friday.

The Mosque of Hassan is the great centre of attraction in Cairo during the festival of the Hassanayn, when it is lighted by a great number of lamps, of all sorts, sizes, and colors, and thousands of wax or tallow candles, and also great numbers of torches of various patterns. Some of the wax candles were this year seven feet high and six to ten inches thick.

The expense of this illumination is divided among the wardens of the mosque, the governor of the city, the shayks of the great orders of dervishes, and such wealthy persons as may apply for the privilege and honor of paying for the same.

The coffee shops, eating-houses, dance-halls, etc., remain open all night, closing just before daybreak, so as not to interrupt the morning prayer of the faithful.

There were dense crowds of people surging this way and that, but quiet and orderly, in the streets, while in the mosque there were many groups of five, ten, twenty, or more in each, sitting on the floor, in two rows, facing each other, listening to a reciter or reader of the Koran, hired by each group for the occasion. This is called Mookra. I was elbowing my way through a crowd of very noisy devotees, keeping close to my guide and protector, when I heard what seemed such an uproar as a riot or a free fight would produce, in one of the wings of the mosque. I asked Arbaeen, my guide, what it meant, and if we had better get out, when he said, "No, no, not go out ; let us rather go in, for the celebrated order of dervishes, the famous Mowlavees, are performing a Ziker. It is worth a month's wages to see. And so it was.

You must excuse even an attempt at a description of that wonderful religious exercise. If (King) David danced in that style, he must have been a very muscular and hardy young man, and we cannot wonder that the daughter of Saul fell in love with him on the spot. The noise which I heard was caused by many of the excited whirlers shouting the name of Allah, and beating a tambourine, keeping time with the leader, until they had made a hundred rounds.

Leaving the Ziker, we visited the shrine, where it is believed by many orthodox Mohammedans that the veritable and only true and genuine head of the Martyr Hosayn is buried. There were doubts on this point until, a few years since, a very learned, pious, and wealthy merchant of Cairo had a dream, in which the Prophet Mohammed visited him, went with him to the Hassanayn, and, standing by the shrine, said, "Truly it is a fact beyond doubt that the head of Hosayn is enclosed in this tomb." Since that time it is a heresy to even question the fact—and I am no heretic. Just as we were examining the handsome shawls and embroidered cloths that were hung on the tomb, we were ordered by an attendant to move on to give room to a procession of venerable greybeards, who were moving in two lines, and reciting the Fathah (first chapter of the Koran) in unison. I was deeply moved at the sight, and the rich voices of the old men, keeping step, and intoning in unison or rather a rich harmony of many voices, slowly going through the seven sacred sentences of which the Fathah is composed. It is no wonder that I unconsciously joined in the recitation, as did also my attendant.

While enjoying this rare treat, we were shocked at the approach of a crowd of dervishes, of several different orders, beating drums and cymbals, playing on clarinets or hautboys, and carrying a great number of torches, which sent up a dense cloud of smoke which must have suffocated any saint who was not a resident of the infernal regions. These riotous ragamuffins became quite orderly as they drew near the shrine of Saint Hosayn, and all joined in unison at a given signal in the recital of the Fathah, moving around the tomb at a slow and solemn pace.

If I had not been carefully informed that whatever I should see in the mosque must be accepted as religious exercise, I should certainly have mistaken some of the "exercises" of the dervishes for the antics of madmen just let loose from an asylum for a lark.

Many orthodox Moslim believe that the Prophet Mohammed is actually present in the mosque on the last day and night of the festival, taking particular notice of those who visit the shrine of his grandson.

The bread used on this festival in the mosque is made into little balls, and one of the attendants gave a handful of them to a well-dressed man near us, when, as if it had been arranged, a number of dervishes crowded around him, and one shouted, "I have recited a chapter for thee, O my lord!" another, a selection from the Koran, or a book of pious sentences, and each extended a hand for a present of money. He was

provided with small change, evidently on purpose, and gave each to the amount of one to five cents.

The streets leading to the mosque, the open space in front, and many private houses were illuminated with a profusion of lamps.

In the midst of the jam at the entrance, as we were trying to squeeze out, a devotee shouted to my attendant, "O Effendee! may Allah grant thy desire, and may you bless me." My desire just then was to get out, so I gave him one of the silver fish scales which pass for money, and he shouted his thanks in one breath, and begged of the next man in another.

Speaking of beggars, I am reminded of a very impressive sight on the tenth day of the festival. Near the great door of the entrance, about fifty blind beggars sat in a group, facing the door, and every few moments raised a mournful howl, "Allah have compassion on the sightless," of course expecting benevolent people to do kind deeds in honor of Allah, and they did. The showers of small pieces of money among the blind people were frequent. They paid no heed to the money, but called in low and tremulous tones on Allah for more compassion.

The custom of going to the mosque in crowds results in some awkward scenes, which to one like myself, not very well acquainted with the country, and of course afraid of giving offence because of ignorance of what is proper to do, is embarrassing. On one of the most crowded days, my friend and guide (whose name I should translate, for it means Forty, and he was over forty in years) led me into a part of the mosque where there were many women, in white, blue, red, checkered, and striped over-dresses, and all closely veiled in black up to their eyes. Among these we squeezed until we could go no further. There we, and a number of other men, were packed, like herrings in a box, myself being between two young women and behind a plump candidate for paradise, and so near that I could feel them breathe, and see the merry sparkle in their eyes, which seemed to say, "Perhaps you don't like it, although it is just a little too rough."

I cannot pretend to give a complete account of all that is to be seen on this great festival. It is the grand event of the year. Every orthodox Moslem attends more or less by way of showing his devotion to the faith. Every woman and many children go because they are privileged to do so without surveillance; every beggar is on hand for what he expects, and the harvest is rich; many thieves also piously attend and get well paid, as I can bear witness, and also many go out of mere curiosity, as did your humble reporter.

Perhaps on some future occasion I may be able to give you an outline of the history of this noted saint, the origin of this festival in his honor, and other particulars which this already overloaded letter must lack.

AHMED IBN ZEER HAMEEDI.

Written according to my desire, during the

Full Moon of the Second Rabi, 1303 A. H.

LETTERS FROM THE EAST.

To WALTER M. FLEMING, *M. I.*: *Imperial Potentate of the Imperial Council. Nobles of the Mystic Shrine:*



ILLUSTRIOUS SIR AND BROTHER: I have the honor to transmit to you the enclosed letters and translations from the original Arabic, with Shrine news from Jaffa, Jerusalem, Damascus, Aleppo, Cairo, Mecca, and India.

Courteously submitted,

ALBERT L. RAWSON,

Representative of Temples in the East.

THE MYSTIC SHRINE IN JAFFA.

JAFFA, SYRIA, May 5, 1886.

Professor A. L. RAWSON, Representative of Temples of the Mystic Shrine in the Orient:



EAR SIR AND BROTHER: How very glad we are to hear from you by your most welcome letter of March 30, which reached here April 22, while I was away. I arrived this morning, and write you a few lines at once.



Although Temple Omar, of El Kuds (the Arabic for Jerusalem, as you know), is the second in the list as to sacredness and veneration, yet the number of pilgrims to its shrine this year has been small. We confidently expected a large accession from the English residents, officials, and attachés, but owing to our admission of Brother and Noble H. N. Power, an Irish-American, and withal a splendid fellow in business and in social life, we have been abused vigorously by the opponents of "Home Rule." I cannot see that we have anything to do with the matter; but the English are disposed to domineer.

I am told, and I suppose this is a case of that kind of political war that spares no one.

By permission of the Pasha we initiated his Chief of Police, Hassan Nussje Effendi, and the old Hall of the Mejlis never held a more sightly assembly of men of many nations, meeting in harmony, and animated by the highest and purest motives looking for the welfare of each and all. The Pasha honored us with a visit during the progress of the second section, and said he was profoundly impressed with the ceremonies, and that the American ritual was much better for Jerusalem than any other, not even

excepting that of Damascus. I asked his permission to add his name to the list of trustees, and he said he would gladly consent if there was no opposition from his superiors in office. So we may yet have a Turkish grandee and a high official in our list of officers.

We are not permitted to publish our progress in the native newspapers. Things are so differently done here from your customs in the States that it is very trying to patience now and then. Fears of plots against the government is the excuse, but the jealousy born of ancient fanaticism is the real cause of the refusal. The government is truly and justly in dread of the Shrine itself, and is impatient under its watchful eyes. It would not surprise me if any day the Order of the Mystic Shrine should be put down by a decree of the Sultan. His conferring an order on Noble Florence was a mere blind to hide his real intentions. There will be other decorations given to the leading ones, and then look out for a storm—a regular simoom—hot and deadly. The true reason is that some of the officials are conscious that their cash accounts need arranging, and also that some of their social affairs would not bear very strict scrutiny. Therefore this dread of our secret tribunal.

I thank you for documents up to 1884.

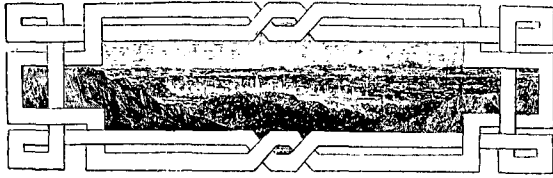
Reports of a reopening of a long closed Temple in Bagdad have reached me through the Persian Consul here. I will forward the accounts printed in the Persian newspaper.

Please convey my profound regards to the Most Imperial Grand Potentate.

And believe me as ever,
Your true friend and Brother,

ROLLA FLOYD.

P. S.—Concerning the Mystic Shrine at Joppa, perhaps a few words will be sufficient. At the last meeting a Greek was made G. P., and his friends were strong enough to capture all the offices. He says he is acquainted with you, and that you attended his wedding at Jerusalem in 1874, at his invitation. His name is Mavrogordato, and under his rule the Shrine affairs are carried on with a military like regularity that is charming. He is a merchant, and when it is time to summon a meeting he sends a messenger, usually one of his clerks, who wears a peculiar dress, now known all over Joppa, and who visits every member, and says only, "The Master needs you on Friday, etc., etc.," which is understood by them, but is a mystery to all others. Until the Pasha was initiated he seemed to be very much offended at this method of summoning, but now he has a messenger of his own, who is not a soldier, jontieh, nor a policeman (zabateeyeh), and he is happy. At one session this year we received a merchant, two doctors, an agent of steamers, a tanner, a broker in grain, and a tax-collector. The last gave us some trouble outside, for it is the universal impression that they are robbers from choice. But he is, aside from his occupation, a fine companion socially.



THE MYSTIC SHRINE IN DAMASCUS. FROM TEMPLE SALADIN, DAMASCUS.

Translation.

PRAISE BE TO THE ONLY GOD !

*This is to be forwarded to and handed to the Illustrious Noble
WALTER M. FLEMING, Most Imperial Grand Potentate, Nobles of the
Mystic Shrine, for the United States of America (North). To him
Greeting, Salutation, Blessing.*



HIS writing is not our first nor our second in the line of official duty in informing you of the progress of the Mystic Shrine in El Shawm.

One evidence in our favor is that our door of entrance is sought by the noble, the generous, the rich in mind, the learned, who have tasted the true wine of the mind. And to such, when we know that they have joined a blameless life of love and charity for their fellow-men, we never deny an entrance to hearty welcome.



We have caused to be engraved by the chisel of a most skilful artisan, on a slab of white marble, and the letters gilded, this legend from the Koran :

“Ye shall by no means worship any deity but Allah; and if ye be invited to do so, say ye,
There is a prohibition against it.”

This we did because some among the Turkish officials, whom we know to be eligible, on account of having taken the 32° in Austria, intended to visit our Shrine to inspect the rooms, in our absence, and possibly ask admission to the Order. They would be unwelcome as Nobles, although we associate with them in the other assemblies, and not one of them knows or cares whether Allah exists or not.

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I was interrupted in writing this letter for nearly a month, and have been on a long journey, as far as Haleb (Aleppo). The Temple Walee Jemel (Governor The Camel) was named in honor of the Walee (Governor) Jemel, who was made a Shriner in 1883, and who had previously opposed the Shrine in the interests of the French merchants, members of the Grand Orient.

The Kalenderee dervishes at Aleppo have proved a prolific gold mine both in men and money, for they have added nearly fifty to the membership, and among them some who had wealth which was soon invested in a new building to be occupied exclusively by the Shrine. The Kalenderees were once great enemies of the Bektashees, but the two orders are now reconciled, and meet as Nobles in the Shrine. Some of them are engaged in traffic, owning caravans which bring immense quantities of goods across the desert. One of them, a Kalenderee, soon after returning from a journey to Cairo (Al-Musr), Egypt, applied for membership, and showed a diploma from Grand Master Zola. The secretary at Aleppo knew the signature to be correct, and recommended his admission, when, as he was being prepared in the ante-room, a brother Kalenderee addressed him by another name than the one written in the diploma. Of course he did not enter the Shrine then. On inquiry it was shown that he had become possessed of the papers left by a brother dervish who had died at Cairo, and was trying to deceive them.

They appeared before the Kadee the next day, and had him brought up to hear charges, when he confessed, was bastinadoed, and ordered to pay into the treasury a sum double the amount he would have paid if initiated. They received the money sadly, and placed it in the reserve for charities.

They had not yet seen any of your reports from the United States of North America, and were delighted when I showed and translated to them your report for 1884. That for 1885 I had not received.

The membership has increased to about 1,900, exclusive of government officials, who are not counted, do not pay for initiation, nor pay dues. We insist on both at Damascus. The Shrine at Aleppo will soon be in new and elegant quarters. Hangings of heavy goods are ordered for the banquet halls, throne of the G. P., and the altar. A copy of the Koran on purple vellum, written in the literary style of letter, above six hundred years ago, was found in an abandoned monastery near Aleppo last year, and presented to Temple Walee. Its chief value lies in the covers, on the inside of which the ancient owner had gummed two pieces of vellum, on which he had written a few historical notes relating to the Shrine at Haleb, and among other things recommends that this sentence be engraved on a tablet "of durable and strong material, and set up in the ante-room (the deewan) of the Mystic Shrine:"

"The renowned poet El Ghanawee says, 'When thou art among a company of greedy men eating, put not thy left hand upon the food.'" That is to say, Do not show yourself greedy.

This stone had already been set up in the ante-room of the Shrine as an ancient relic and fit for the place ; but, when its purpose and antiquity had been certified to from the leaves attached to the old copy of the Koran, it became priceless and sacred among Shriners.

But enough about Aleppo.

On my return to Damascus, I found that five Turkish officials had been initiated with the most rigid exactness of ritual, and the complete satisfaction of all parties. So that is now a fact, and cannot be undone, and the sons of the famous Othman must remain Shriners, I suppose, until their Sultan taboos the Order, if he ever does.

Our membership in Damascus increases as rapidly as it is desirable. We do not summon our members by a printed notice as you do, for the Turkish post cannot be depended upon, although it is growing better every year. We send messengers to all who live near us, and tell each other when we meet on the street, in the bazaar, etc., and besides, since our monthly assemblies are always on the Friday night (not night of Friday, or eve before) next after the new moon, they require no notice.

The proposal to wear a handsome badge was submitted to the authorities, but permission has not yet been granted, although application was made two years since. Waiting for baksheesh, it is very likely.

Hoping that my letter may find you in the enjoyment of Allah's choicest blessings, I beg your acceptance of my most sincere regards.

HASSAN IBN UKREEZEE,

Recorder Temple Saladin.

EL SHAWM 5, 8, 1303.





THE MYSTIC SHRINE IN CAIRO.

FROM ALEE PASHA TEMPLE, AL KAHEERAH (CAIRO), EGYPT.

Professor A. L. RAWSON, Representative of Temples in the East :



EAR SIR AND NOBLE: I wonder if you will recognize the name of your present correspondent. He had the honor of sitting by your side in the school of Fickee Hoseyn Ibn El-Homam, at the College (Madrasay) of El-Azhar, Cairo, thirty-three years ago, and chanting the Fathah in chorus with the whole class. Well, Father Time has missed me when mowing down so many others, and the Three Sisters (Fates) have been very considerate; for, besides my business, which is prosperous, I am honored with the post of Recorder to this Temple, a place which I esteem a higher honor without salary than any which the Khedive, under English rule, could give me with a salary.



The poet El Harith Ibn Hilliyeh says, in his romance of "The Lost Pearl":

"Thou hast found us to be true to our guest;
And in all sincerity hospitable to strangers;

For when they came hungry and there was not milk,
We used the divining arrows, and killed a kid."

So we entertain our visitors, as we did Brother and Noble Hassan Ibn Ukreezee, Recorder of Temple Saladin, Damascus, Syria, who visited Alee Pasha Temple on his return from Meccah, where he had been in response to a summons from the Supreme Shareef. He is a devout Mohammedan, and learned in law and religious history. The Moolah of this city proposed him as a fit successor to El Falaki, and the matter is to be decided at Constantinople.

We initiated an Abyssinian, whose color was blacker than any negro in Egypt, and this gave offence to many Nobles. You may recall the words of the poet Noosayb, which we were wont to recite to each other in sections, touching this prejudice of color:

“ I am black to the eye, but to the mind
Of such as can discern I am white,
Pure, unsullied, crystallized, human.
Let me remain only black in the eyes
Of those who have no heart of compassion.”

I suppose you have the “ colorphobia ” also—at least it is so supposed, for no black men are made Masons in your lodges. But Abyssinians are not negroes nor black men in any true sense.

We have also received letters and papers from your friend and Brother H. J. Rustumjee, merchant of Kurrachee, Northern India, who reports that the Nobles of the Mystic Shrine in that country are under the protection of the Grand Lodge F. & A. M., of which he was Grand Master for several terms. He also writes that the ritual is not so impressive in India as it is in America, where he saw it in New York, Philadelphia, and other cities. Some of their ceremonies are held in the open air, in the streets, and resemble those of the dervishes so much as to escape special observation.

Noble El Hudhalee, the Shareef’s Secretary in Meccah, reports that they have not yet adopted the custom of printing the notices of meetings. They are written, in old style Arabic, on small pieces of yellow paper, and sent by messenger.

At our last session we initiated, among five, the famous Kadee El Okaylee, and his Secretary El Ajjaj. We have now so great a proportion of well known and honorable men in the Order that we are reminded of the lines of the poet Ibn Besheer :

“ How many a tall palm tree is there in the Gardens of Paradise ! ”

Surely this must be a favorable sign from Allah. In His compassion He has permitted this noble Order to revive in our day, for our pleasure and profit and His Glory.

May His Name be praised !

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of pamphlets, notices, and a large picture of the mourning for El Falaki, printed in a newspaper.

Please present my compliments to your superiors in office.

Accept for yourself, my dear Brother and fellow student, my honored doctor in letters, my heartfelt regard.

ZOOLFIKAR FAUZEE.

AL KAHEERAH, 28th Jamaz ul Akhir, A. H. 1303 (April 2, 1886).





THE MYSTIC SHRINE IN SYRIA.

LETTER FROM NOBLE HASSAN IBN UKREEZEE,
RECORDER OF TEMPLE SALADIN, DAMASCUS, SYRIA.

Literal Translation.

IN THE NAME OF ALLAH, MERCIFUL, COMPASSIONATE !

To the learned, the eminent, the renowned, doctor of laws, teacher of excellencies, high in favor, the skilful, Professor A. L. RAWSON, Representative of Temples in the East—Salutation :



WITH great pleasure, I have had the honor of receiving the pamphlet entitled " June Proceedings, 1884," of the Imperial Council, Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, and also two letters written by your hand, all of which arrived while I was away from my house on a long journey.

My thanks are due you for these and other courtesies, namely, one, the engraving of the ceremonies in honor of and mourning for our late Brother and Noble, the gifted, honored, and lamented El Falaki. May the peace of Allah rest upon him !



The affairs of the Mystic Shrine in Damascus are in a prosperous condition. Many apply for admission among us, but few are admitted, for we are as yet under the strict surveillance of the government. Our unusual activity, great increase of numbers, and correspondence with others of the same faith in foreign countries, naturally attracts attention from those who feel insecure in the calmest of times. The past year has been one of great anxiety to the Sultan and his allies, and instead of recognizing in us his truest friends, His Sublime Highness has caused us much pain by unworthy suspicions. I have been charmed and gratified at the careful manner in which you have composed your letters to me, for I know that every one has been examined by the officials, ever on the watch.

My journey extended as far as to the Holy City Meccah, where I bore a considerable sum of money, the gift of the devout in Damascus to the Shareef for the use of those who keep the Kaabah in repair. I also took a more modest amount to the Shareef of the Nobles, whose residence is, as you know, at the Holy City. There are few resident Nobles in Meccah, but they are men who are very useful in their various callings. The Shayk of the Bektasheedervishes, who formerly lived at Cairo, is now in Meccah. He is the Saheb Seggadeh (Lord of the Carpet). The Shayk of the Kalenderee spends about two months of each year there, and the other months at Aleppo. Before this year the Kalenderee dervishes opposed the Shrine, but now there is peace and harmony, and the meetings of the Nobles in Meccah are held in the great hall of the Kalendereeyeh.

On examining the beautiful marble and porphyry columns that adorn the court of the Kaabah, I found many that have Shrine emblems sculptured on their capitals among other devices. I made tracings of some which I will send to you in my letter of next month.

One such deserves mention. On a crescent which ornaments one side of a capital, cut in veined marble, is this inscription :

“There shall be no perishing of the property of a man that is a Mohammedan and who honors the (Mystic) Shrine.”

On another capital of marble, which stands on top of a column of emerald, is a group of three crescents, on which are cut these words :

“Allah hath restored the religion to a sound, right state, and it hath become restored by the efforts of the Nobles. Truly the Mystic Shrine ennobles its adherents.”

Our customs are so very different from yours, that I am not able to print our doings. Prejudice in this matter must give way, as many others have, and your excellent notices will help very much toward that desirable change.

I hope to have the honor of receiving other letters and printed books from your hands.

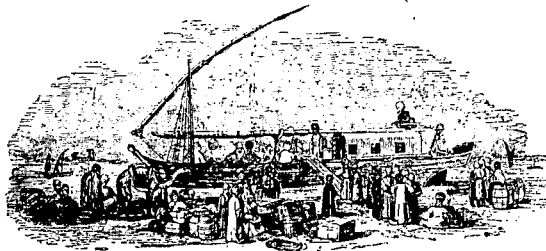
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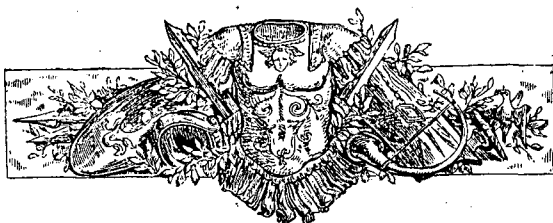
This is written according to my desire.

HASSAN IBN UKREEZEE,

Katib wa Defter,

(Scribe and Recorder.)





OFFICIAL DECREE.

TO ALL GRAND POTENTATES AND NOBLES.

ADMONITION!



HEREAS circumstances have occurred whereby Temple Notices have inadvertently appeared in an irregular manner, which have tended to subject the same to ridicule, official notice is hereby given, that, in order to preserve the dignity of the Order and the authenticity of its issues, all Officials, Imperial and Subordinate, are hereby charged to carefully observe that all Official Temple Notices, Cards, Circular Letters, By-laws, and Communications, whatsoever, or issues bearing Symbols, Mottoes, Insignia, Titles, Observances, or Data, be authentic and historically correct in each and every instance and particular, and faithfully to avoid, and refrain from, any and all farcical burlesques, frivolities, and profanations in both public and private issues.

A few irregularities may be here noted : Feasts of cruelty, such as the Feast of the Searing of the Eyeballs, which is unknown to us ; startling dramatic representations, with flaming theatrical programmes, which are inconsistent with the design of the Order ; feasts which are forbidden, as the Feast of Okad, which was imperatively prohibited by Mohammed ; feasts of private enterprise, given by persons named in notices ; using incongruous terms, not Arabic, as Jam-a-Jim, Tten-Neb ; and separating Arabic words to form strange compounds, as Ram-a-Dan ; which is philologically improper.

The Feasts published by the Imperial Recorder are authentic, and the due observance of them will bring the Temples of the East and the West into perfect harmony, both in time and celebration.

All Officials of Subordinate Temples, not conversant with the Arabic Calendar, Titles, Feasts, Observances, and Symbolisms, may be enlightened by application to the Illustrious Recorder of the Imperial Council, who will furnish the same.

STRICT OBSERVANCE OF THIS EDICT IS IMPERATIVE.

Issued under our hand and Seal this 14th day of June, 1886—Ramadan 12, 1303 A. H.

SAM BRIGGS,
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W. H. Lothrop	Second Cer. Master.
George S. Carpenter	Marshal.
William Tyner	Captain of Guard.
J. Q. A. Holbrook	Outer Guard.

Founded June 23, 1882.—Number of Members, 113.

3 —AL KORAN TEMPLE, CLEVELAND, OHIO.

Sam Briggs (Cleveland, O.)	Grand Potentate.
Henry P. McIntosh	Chief Rabban.
Horace A. Bishop	Assistant Rabban.
James Hossack	High Priest.
Frederick A. Morse	Oriental Guide.
Charles T. Wesley	Treasurer.
Horace W. Hubbard (226 Bank St.)	Recorder.
Charles F. Spencer	First Cer. Master.
Moses G. Carrel	Second Cer. Master.
J. M. Gorham	Marshal.
John W. Gibbons	Captain of Guard.
Theodore Elmendorf	Outer Guard.
Horace W. Hubbard	Director.

Founded November 16, 1876.—Number of Members, 194.

4.—ALMAS TEMPLE, WASHINGTON, D. C.

George W. Pratt (214 Eleventh St. N. E.)	Grand Potentate.
George H. Walker	Chief Rabban.
Emmett C. Elmore	Assistant Rabban.
Samuel J. Haislett	High Priest.
Benjamin W. Browne	Oriental Guide.
Abner T. Longley	Treasurer.
H. Harvey Hazard (National Savings Bank)	Recorder.
John H. Olcott	First Cer. Master.
T. John Newton	Second Cer. Master.
John L. Yoeckel	Marshal.
James T. Amos	Captain of Guard.
William S. Ballard	Outer Guard.
John W. Wheeler	Director.

Founded January 7, 1886.—Number of Members, 22.

5.—BOUMI TEMPLE, BALTIMORE, MD.

William C. Nickum (375 S. Sharp St.)	Grand Potentate.
James P. Clark	Chief Rabban.
R. H. Conway	Assistant Rabban.
J. S. Hopkins	High Priest.
Henry J. Irwin	Oriental Guide.
William H. Kleinsmith	Treasurer.
David F. Penington (536 W. Fayette St.)	Recorder.
Mark A. G. Clift	First Cer. Master.
W. H. Doctorman	Second Cer. Master.
Samuel W. Register	Marshal.
John H. Fricke	Captain of Guard.
Washington H. Nicholson	Outer Guard.
George W. Starr, Jr.	Director.

Founded March 31, 1884.—Number of Members, 58.

6.—CYPRUS TEMPLE, ALBANY, N. Y.

Joseph M. Lawson (Albany, N. Y.)	Grand Potentate.
Herman H. Russ	Chief Rabban.
William Storey	Assistant Rabban.
Philip W. Dalton	High Priest.
William G. Janes	Oriental Guide.
William H. Haskell	Treasurer.
William E. Fitch (328 S. Pearl St.)	Recorder.
John H. Quinby	First Cer. Master.
John A. Davis	Second Cer. Master.
William T. Miles	Marshal.
George H. Amsdell	Captain of Guard.
William H. Gladding	Outer Guard.
Robert D. Williams	Director.

Founded February 2, 1877.—Number of Members, 48.

7.—DAMASCUS TEMPLE, ROCHESTER, N. Y.

George F. Loder (Rochester, N. Y.)	Grand Potentate.
William A. Murray	Chief Rabban.
Jacob G. Maurer	Assistant Rabban.
Samuel C. Pierce	High Priest.
Frank H. Vick	Oriental Guide.
Robert W. West	Treasurer.
William Davis (Rochester, N. Y.)	Recorder.
H. B. James	First Cer. Master.
Louis P. Herzberger	Second Cer. Master.
Edward C. Way	Marshal.
John M. Aikin	Captain of Guard.
William H. Davenport	Outer Guard.
Samuel R. Carter	Director.

Founded February 8, 1875.—Number of Members, 70.

8.—EL KAHIR TEMPLE, CEDAR RAPIDS, IOWA.

Cyrus W. Eaton (Cedar Rapids, Iowa)	Grand Potentate.
George W. Bever	Chief Rabban.
Upton C. Blake	Assistant Rabban.
Calvin G. Greene	High Priest.
James L. Bever	Oriental Guide.
James Morton	Treasurer.
Edward I. Foster (Cedar Rapids, Iowa)	Recorder.
Theodore S. Parvin	First Cer. Master.
John B. Bever	Second Cer. Master.
William B. Leach	Marshal.
Charles W. Bassett	Captain of Guard.
Calvin I. Wheaton	Outer Guard.

Founded February 9, 1886.—Number of Members, 12.

9.—ISLAM TEMPLE, SAN FRANCISCO, CAL.

William Center (San Francisco, Cal.)	Grand Potentate.
Curtis G. Kenyon	Chief Rabban.
Hiram T. Graves	Assistant Rabban.
Franklin H. Day	High Priest.
William A. Robertson	Oriental Guide.
Edwin White Newhall	Treasurer.
John Hatfield Gray (311 California St.)	Recorder.
Henry A. Palmer	First Cer. Master.
Thomas J. Bass	Second Cer. Master.
Henry Edwards	Marshal.
A. W. Starbird	Captain of Guard.
Robert H. Mowbray	Outer Guard.
John H. Gray	Director.

Founded March 6, 1883.—Number of Members, 81.

10.—JERUSALEM TEMPLE, NEW ORLEANS, LA.

Alfred Isaacson (New Orleans, La.).....	Grand Potentate.
George J. Pinckard.....	Chief Rabban.
Albert G. Brice.....	Assistant Rabban.
R. T. Slocomb.....	High Priest.
Mark Quayle.....	Oriental Guide.
Arthur W. Hyatt.....	Treasurer.
Richard Lambert (P. O. Drawer 872).....	Recorder.
Samuel Alston.....	First Cer. Master.
Zachary T. Black.....	Second Cer. Master.
Henry W. Coulter.....	Marshal.
Charles A. Scott.....	Captain of Guard.
John W. Madden.....	Outer Guard.

Founded March 30, 1885.—Number of Members, 22.

11.—KOSAIR TEMPLE, LOUISVILLE, KY.

William Ryan (Louisville, Ky.).....	Grand Potentate.
John A. Stratton.....	Chief Rabban.
Charles F. Hill.....	Assistant Rabban.
Clarence L. Martin.....	High Priest.
Charles C. Vogt.....	Oriental Guide.
John Finzer.....	Treasurer.
Will E. Ryan (Louisville, Ky.).....	Recorder.
John F. Lewis.....	First Cer. Master.
Richard H. Higgins.....	Second Cer. Master.
George Pearce.....	Marshal.
Charles W. Pool.....	Captain of Guard.
George F. Evans.....	Outer Guard.
M. Cary Peter.....	Director.

Founded November 3, 1884.—Number of Members, 62.

12.—LU LU TEMPLE, PHILADELPHIA, PA.

Joseph S. Wright (704 Market St.).....	Grand Potentate.
John W. Haseltine.....	Chief Rabban.
Ezra S. Bartlett.....	Assistant Rabban.
Charles Laing.....	High Priest.
Philip C. Shaffer.....	Oriental Guide.
M. F. Benerman.....	Treasurer.
Charles Cary (417 Walnut St.).....	Recorder.
Daniel Wilson.....	First Cer. Master.
John A. S. Heath.....	Second Cer. Master.
Jacob L. Brallier.....	Marshal.
John O'Donnel.....	Captain of Guard.
B. K. Paullin.....	Outer Guard.
Edward B. Jordan.....	Director.

Founded December 31, 1883.—Number of Members, 426.

13.—MECCA TEMPLE, NEW YORK, N. Y.

Walter M. Fleming (42 W. 34th St.)	Grand Potentate.
Augustus W. Peters	Chief Rabbān.
Philip C. Benjamin	Assistant Rabbān.
Charles H. Heyzer	High Priest.
Rev. Cornelius L. Twing	Scherif ul Ulema.
James McGee	Oriental Guide.
Joseph M. Levey	Treasurer.
William S. Paterson (100 Reade St.)	Recorder.
James V. Kirby	First Cer. Master.
Hermon J. Emerson	Second Cer. Master.
Edgar M. Ayers	Marshal.
Wayland Trask	Captain of Guard.
Theodore Reeves	Outer Guard.
Joseph B. Eakins	Director.

Organized September 26, 1872.—Number of Members, 758.

14.—MEDINAH TEMPLE, CHICAGO, ILL.

James H. Thompson (79 Clark St.)	Grand Potentate.
Oscar I. Jacobus	Chief Rabbān.
Richard L. Dakin	Assistant Rabbān.
Frank E. Land	High Priest.
Thomas H. Currier	Oriental Guide.
James S. Carter	Treasurer.
William A. Stiles (15 N. Clinton St.)	Recorder.
F. M. Luce	First Cer. Master.
C. H. Chamberlain	Second Cer. Master.
A. C. Potter	Marshal.
Alexander Osterman	Captain of Guard.
A. McLellan	Outer Guard.
Edgar P. Tobey	Director.

Founded October 30, 1882.—Number of Members, 229.

15.—MOOLAH TEMPLE, ST. LOUIS, MO.

Eli J. Crandall (Planter's House)	Grand Potentate.
E. B. Overstreet	Chief Rabbān.
Jack P. Richardson	Assistant Rabbān.
George T. Murphy	High Priest.
V. O. Saunders	Oriental Guide.
Hunter Ben Jenkins	Treasurer.
William H. Mayo (Masonic Hall)	Recorder.
John T. Nixon	First Cer. Master.
Benjamin Lynds	Second Cer. Master.
William H. Etter	Marshal.
William Walsh	Captain of Guard.
A. F. Donk	Outer Guard.
John J. Baulch	Director.

Founded April 26, 1886.—Number of Members, 13.

16.—MOSLEM TEMPLE, DETROIT, MICH.

Ozias W. Shipman (Detroit, Mich.).....	Grand Potentate.
John W. McGrath.....	Chief Rabban.
J. E. King.....	Assistant Rabban.
Francis A. Blades.....	High Priest.
James Findlater.....	Oriental Guide.
Benjamin F. Haxton.....	Treasurer.
D. Burnham Tracy (120 Bagb St.).....	Recorder.
Charles R. Bagg.....	First Cer. Master.
Henry George.....	Second Cer. Master.
Frank W. Noble.....	Marshal.
Alexander M. Gray.....	Captain of Guard.
Alexander McGregor.....	Outer Guard.
S. B. Baugh.....	Director.

Founded June 2, 1880.—Number of Members, 135.

17.—MOUNT SINAI TEMPLE, MONTPELIER, VT.

Justus W. F. Washburn (Montpelier, Vt.).....	Grand Potentate.
Rev. Howard F. Hill.....	Chief Rabban.
William A. Briggs.....	Assistant Rabban.
Rev. Frederick S. Fisher.....	High Priest.
George L. Lane.....	Oriental Guide.
Frank H. Bascom.....	Treasurer.
Charles H. Heaton (Montpelier, Vt.).....	Recorder.
Henry Lowe.....	First Cer. Master.
Marsh O. Perkins.....	Second Cer. Master.
George W. Tilden.....	Marshal.
Edwin R. Morse.....	Captain of Guard.
James A. Erwin.....	Outer Guard.
Charles J. Jones.....	Director.

Founded December 15, 1876.—Number of Members, 29.

18.—MURAT TEMPLE, INDIANAPOLIS, IND.

John T. Brush (40 N. Pennsylvania St.).....	Grand Potentate.
Theodore Pfafflin.....	Chief Rabban.
Joseph W. Smith.....	Assistant Rabban.
Byron K. Elliott.....	High Priest.
Jacob W. Smith.....	Oriental Guide.
Charles F. Meyer.....	Treasurer.
Cortes F. Holliday (Indianapolis, Ind.).....	Recorder.
William H. Schmidt.....	First Cer. Master.
Richard L. Scarlett.....	Second Cer. Master.
Frank P. Wade.....	Marshal.
William J. McKee.....	Captain of Guard.
John Saunders.....	Outer Guard.
Henry H. McGaffey.....	Director.

Founded March 13, 1884.—Number of Members, 105.

19.—ORIENTAL TEMPLE, TROY, N. Y.

Jesse B. Anthony (Troy, N. Y.)	Grand Potentate.
Lee Chamberlin	Chief Rabban.
Levi H. Button	Assistant Rabban.
William R. Hyde	High Priest.
Theodore E. Haslehurst	Oriental Guide.
Gorton P. Cozzens (deceased)	Treasurer.
Edward B. Cox (Troy, N. Y.)	Recorder.
Alexander B. King	First Cer. Master.
George F. Greene	Second Cer. Master.
William F. Robertson	Marshal.
Joseph W. Smart	Captain of Guard.
Charles Teson	Outer Guard.

Founded February 6, 1877.—Number of Members, 18.

20.—OSMAN TEMPLE, ST. PAUL, MINN.

William H. S. Wright (St. Paul, Minn.)	Grand Potentate.
Isaac L. Mahan	Chief Rabban.
William Rhodes	Assistant Rabban.
Richard T. Flournoy	High Priest.
Russell C. Munger	Oriental Guide.
Robert A. Smith	Treasurer.
Azariah T. C. Pierson (St. Paul, Minn.)	Recorder.
George Hunsaker	First Cer. Master.
John T. Black	Second Cer. Master.
Newton I. Willey	Marshal.
Julius H. Burwell	Captain of Guard.
Charles J. Kruger	Outer Guard.
Charles M. Truman	Director.

Founded June 20, 1885.—Number of Members, 70.

21.—PALESTINE TEMPLE, NEWPORT, R. I.

Clarence B. Mason (Newport, R. I.)	Grand Potentate.
Robert S. Franklin	Chief Rabban.
Andrew K. McMahon	Assistant Rabban.
James B. Brayton	High Priest.
William W. Marvel	Oriental Guide.
John Waters	Treasurer.
Thomas C. Sherman (175 Thames St.)	Recorder.
William Carry	First Cer. Master.
William J. Huntington	Second Cer. Master.
Michael F. Walsh	Marshal.
William Gosling	Captain of Guard.
J. Gottlieb Spingler	Outer Guard.
William C. Stoddard	Musical Director.

Founded January 28, 1886.—Number of Members, 62.

22.—PYRAMID TEMPLE, BRIDGEPORT, CONN.

Julius W. Knowlton (Bridgeport, Conn.)	Grand Potentate.
Stephen T. Bartlett	Chief Rabban.
Andrew H. Doolittle	Assistant Rabban.
Edwin T. Pyle	High Priest.
Alpheus D. Dutton	Oriental Guide.
Henry Gardner	Treasurer.
E. Stewart Sumner (P. O. Box 1684)	Recorder.
Hugh Stirling	First Cer. Master.
David C. Mills	Second Cer. Master.
William J. Dorrance	Marshal.
Civilion Fones	Captain of Guard.
Rodney S. Bassett	Outer Guard.
Thaddeus B. Beecher	Director.

Founded April 18, 1877.—Number of Members, 159.

23.—PYRAMID TEMPLE, DAVENPORT, IOWA.

Frank W. Angel (Davenport, Iowa)	Grand Potentate.
Henry Carse	Chief Rabban.
George R. Marvin	Assistant Rabban.
Lewis P. Dosh	High Priest.
William H. Smith	Oriental Guide.
Frank S. Hastings	Treasurer.
Cornelius J. Brown (306 E. Eighth St.)	Recorder.
Frederick W. Lerch	First Cer. Master.
John N. Davis	Second Cer. Master.
Thomas Murray	Marshal.
Levi H. Whitson	Captain of Guard.
William F. Zimmerman	Outer Guard.

Founded July 1, 1878.—Number of Members, 24.

24.—SALAAM TEMPLE, OLNEY, ILL.

H. M. Hall (Olney, Ill.)	Grand Potentate.
Gideon D. Slanker	Chief Rabban.
John Von Gnuten, Jr.	Assistant Rabban.
Charles Ferriman	High Priest.
W. J. A. De Lancey	Oriental Guide.
Henry Studer	Treasurer.
William F. Beck (Olney Times Office)	Recorder.
John Kuster	First Cer. Master.
N. S. Marshall	Second Cer. Master.
Aden Knoph	Marshal.
Philip Raling	Captain of Guard.
Frank Powers	Outer Guard.
William H. Curtin	Director.

Founded January 1, 1884.—Number of Members, 13.

25.—SALADIN TEMPLE, GRAND RAPIDS, MICH.

George E. Pantlind (Grand Rapids, Mich.).....	Grand Potentate.
Richard D. Swartout	Chief Rabban.
Henry F. Hastings.....	Assistant Rabban.
Charles T. Hills.....	High Priest.
Charles B. Judd.....	Oriental Guide.
Edward D. Benedict	Treasurer.
Samuel E. Watson (14 Canal St.).....	Recorder.
Lou B. Winsor.....	First Cer. Master.
Frederick W. Kleindienst.....	Second Cer. Master.
Heman N. Moore.....	Marshal.
Lucius M. Cary.....	Captain of Guard.
Frederick A. Holcomb.....	Outer Guard.
Founded April 7, 1886 —Number of Members, 51.	

26.—SYRIA TEMPLE, PITTSBURGH, PA.

Thomas J. Hudson (Pittsburgh, Pa.).....	Grand Potentate.
Joseph E. Lewis.....	Chief Rabban.
Americus V. Holmes.....	Assistant Rabban.
Geter C. Shidle.....	High Priest.
William S. Brown	Oriental Guide.
Joseph Eichbaum	Treasurer.
J. Lilond Lytle (First Av. and Market St.).....	Recorder.
Arthur B. Wigley.....	First Cer. Master.
Alexander J. Barton.....	Second Cer. Master.
Henry H. Arnold.....	Marshal.
James S. McKean.....	Captain of Guard.
George C. Johnstone	Outer Guard.
Benjamin Darlington.....	Director.
Founded May 19, 1877.—Number of Members, 182.	

27.—SYRIAN TEMPLE, CINCINNATI, OHIO.

William B. Melish (181 Walnut St.).....	Grand Potentate.
Charles H. Flach.....	Chief Rabban.
Charles H. Fisk.....	Assistant Rabban.
Sherwood B. Markland.....	High Priest.
Joseph Kirkup.....	Oriental Guide.
Thomas Kite, Jr.....	Treasurer.
Edward C. Harding (15 W. Third St.).....	Recorder.
Samuel M. Hoffheimer.....	First Cer. Master.
George T. Sterrett.....	Second Cer. Master.
Frank G. Curry.....	Marshal.
William B. Carpenter.....	Captain of Guard.
James A. Hughes.....	Outer Guard.
William Michie.....	Director.
Founded November 16, 1876.—Number of Members, 190.	

28.—TRIPOLI TEMPLE, MILWAUKEE, WIS.

Eugene S. Elliott (80 Wisconsin St.)	Grand Potentate.
Henry S. Bracken	Chief Rabban.
William H. Brazier	Assistant Rabban.
John W. Laffin	High Priest.
Frank B. Golley	Oriental Guide.
John E. Armitage	Treasurer.
George A. Schroeder (1129 Sycamore St.)	Recorder.
Sidney H. Cole	First Cer. Master.
George P. Bower	Second Cer. Master.
Charles D. Rogers	Marshal.
Leroy C. Whitney	Captain of Guard.
Leonard Barrett	Outer Guard.

Founded March 9, 1885.—Number of Members, 67.

29.—ZIYARA TEMPLE, UTICA, N. Y.

Frazier W. Hurlburt (Utica, N. Y.)	Grand Potentate.
Taliesin Evans	Chief Rabban.
Edward A. Tallman	Assistant Rabban.
Theodore W. Bolles	Oriental Guide.
Charles E. Barnard	Treasurer.
Thomas Jay Griffiths (10 Liberty St.)	Recorder.
Jacob J. Davis	First Cer. Master.
Henry R. Jones	Second Cer. Master.
H. Gilbert Hart	Marshal.
David J. Evans	Outer Guard.

Founded October 30, 1877.—Number of Members, 10.

30.—ZUHRAH TEMPLE, MINNEAPOLIS, MINN.

John A. Schlener (425 Nicollet Av.)	Grand Potentate.
Hugh Kirkwood	Chief Rabban.
J. L. Dobbin	Assistant Rabban.
Robert G. Evans	High Priest.
Edward J. Davenport	Oriental Guide.
J. M. Williams	Treasurer.
Joshua W. Nash (Lock Box 60)	Recorder.
Caleb H. Benton	First Cer. Master.
A. E. Higbee	Second Cer. Master.
F. S. McDonald	Marshal.
Frank Grygla	Captain of Guard.
S. S. Kilvington	Outer Guard.
A. M. Shuey	Musical Director.

Founded July 25, 1885.—Number of Members, 24.

STATES WITH TEMPLES.

1. CALIFORNIA.....Islam Temple.
2. CONNECTICUT.....Pyramid Temple.
3. DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA.....Almas Temple.
4. ILLINOIS.....Medinah and Salaam Temples.
5. INDIANA.....Murat Temple.
6. IOWA.....El Kahir and Pyramid Temples.
7. KENTUCKY.....Kosair Temple.
8. LOUISIANA.....Jerusalem Temple (U. D.).
9. MARYLAND.....Boumi Temple.
10. MASSACHUSETTS.....Aleppo Temple.
11. MICHIGAN.....Moslem and Saladin Temples.
12. MINNESOTA.....Osman and Zuhrah Temples.
13. MISSOURI.....Moolah Temple.
14. NEW YORK..Cyprus, Damascus, Mecca, Oriental, and Ziyara Temples.
15. OHIO.....Al Koran and Syrian Temples.
16. PENNSYLVANIA.....Lu Lu and Syria Temples.
17. RHODE ISLAND.....Palestine Temple.
18. VERMONT.....Mount Sinai Temple.
19. VIRGINIA.....Acca Temple (U. D.).
20. WISCONSIN.....Tripoli Temple.

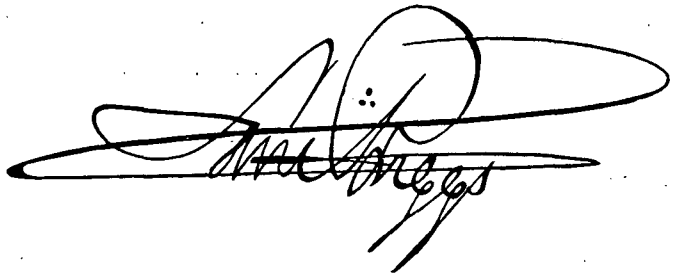
CLOSING OF IMPERIAL COUNCIL.

On motion, the reading of the Proceedings was dispensed with.

The Imperial Council, at five o'clock P. M., was closed in Ample Form, with due Invocation and Declaration.

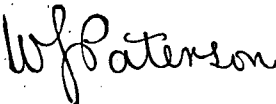
PUBLICATION.

The Proceedings of this Triennial Session are hereby approved for publication.



ATTEST :

IMPERIAL POTENTATE.



IMPERIAL RECORDER.



RECEPTION.



GRAND preparations were made by Al Koran Temple, at its Al Masjid on Superior Street, Cleveland, for the Reception and Banquet, which it had tendered to the Imperial Council, on the evening of its Triennial Session, June 14, 1886, which was the beginning of the thirteenth day of Ramadan, in the year 1303 A. H. The rooms were elegantly decorated with the insignia of the Order, and the Imperial Divan were seated at a table on a raised platform, before which were ranged four long tables, surrounded by the Nobles, visitors, and members of Al Koran, numbering nearly two hundred and fifty, from all parts of the United States. The names of the prominent Nobles are given at the opening of the Imperial Council, in these Proceedings.

At eight o'clock, Most Illustrious SAM BRIGGS opened the Reception with cordial words of welcome, and the numerous servitors proceeded to display the beautiful courses of the delicacies of the season. The best viands, the finest fruits, the loveliest flowers, and the most delicious Kahveh were in abundance.

The Arabian poet has sung :

“ Wine is as the body ;
Music as the soul ;
And Joy is their offspring.”

So ran the entertainment of the evening.

The corporeal enjoyments were succeeded by the soul stirring strains of sweet vocal and instrumental music, and the cordial inspirations of eloquence, in accordance with the following “ Order of Toasts,” presided over by Most Illustrious SAM BRIGGS :

usic and oasts.

NATIONAL MARCH—Germania Orchestra,

LIBERTY ENLIGHTENING THE WORLD.

THE IMPERIAL COUNCIL.....W. M. FLEMING, M. I. G. P.

OVERTURE—Germania Orchestra.....Peché Mignon—Langey.

THE DIRECTORY.....GEORGE W. MILLAR.

MUSIC—Vocal—Quartet.....Bedouin Love Song—Pinsuti.

THE SUPREME COUNCIL, A. A. S. RITE.....BRENTON D. BABCOCK.

MUSIC—Germania Orchestra.....Irish Patrol—Puerner.

THE GRAND ENCAMPMENT, K. T., U. S. A.

CHARLES E. STANLEY, G. C. K. T. Ohio.

MUSIC—Germania Orchestra.....Carlotta Waltz—Millecker.

THE TEMPLES IN NEW YORK.....CHARLES H. HEYZER.

SELECTION—Germania Orchestra.....Mikado—Wiegand.

THE ARABIANS IN MISSOURI.....WILLIAM H. MAYO.

MUSIC—Vocal—Quartet.....The Ruined Chapel—Becker.

THE MASSACHUSETTS BEKTASH.....HENRY E. HOSLEY.

MUSIC—Germania Orchestra.....British Patrol—Linden.

THE WISCONSIN SHRINERS.....EUGENE S. ELLIOTT.

Sherbet of Shiraz.....Committee.

THE DERVISHES OF KENTUCKY.....WILLIAM RYAN.

MUSIC—Vocal—Quartet,

Night Watch of the Swiss Confederates—Schumann.

THE MINNESOTA OASIS.....E. W. DURANT.

MUSIC—Germania Orchestra.....Elks' Frolics—Boettger.

THE SHRINE IN THE KEYSTONE STATE.....EDWARD B. JORDAN.

MUSIC—Vocal—Quartet.....Waltz Song—Vogel.

THE DIVAN IN IOWA.....Hon. CYRUS W. EATON.

More Sherbet....If the Committee are still here.

THE ILLINOIS WORSHIPPERS.....JAMES H. THOMPSON.

MUSIC—Vocal—Quartet.....Serenade—Kreutzer.

THE INDIANA CONTINGENT.....JOHN T. BRUSH.

MUSIC—Germania Orchestra.....Medley—Moses.

THE RUFAIYEH OF OHIO.....WILLIAM B. MELISH.

The music was entertainingly performed by the famous Germania Orchestra of Cleveland, assisted by the celebrated Arion Quartet, whose songs in answer to the encores were charming additions to the programme.

Letters of regret were read from a number of prominent Nobles, and among them was the following Poem from the pen of Noble CHILL W. HAZARD, of Monongahela City, Pa., which was received with great applause :

Not very long ago, a Noble of the Shrine
Lay on his tiger skin, at sun's decline,
When messenger approached with dutiful Salaam,
And bore a graver missal, signed by "Sam."

The Noble yawned, for all that day
His thoughts from business ran at play :
His bank account had gone quite lame ;
He cursed the hour that birth had giv'n him name ;
His camels were athirst ; his horse astray ;
His harêm's chiefest beauty gone away ;
And down his cheek there coursed a silent tear ;
His tongue was parched, and—he was out of beer.

So when he tore the parchment's seal, and ran
His eye adown the "tip" from Al Koran,
He cried : " This came from Heaven, and none too soon !
I'll go to Cleveland the fourteenth day of June !
This saves my life ! Bring forth the camel rigs,
And set their heads toward Oasis Sam Briggs !"

Just then he paused, and gazed upon the dial :
It marked the time set down for sudden trial,
In field political, to cure defection.
His tribe that afternoon held primary election :
And he, upon that very day and date,
Booked for a race at camel's swiftest gait.

The Shareef wept. He cursed the very Fates;
And called on mighty Allah. Then, to confound the dates,
He cast his scimeter into the blessed Koran,
Which unto all reveals the fate of man,
And there these lines he read—thus said the Book :
" You may not go—you may not even look "
Toward Oasis Cleveland, June fourteen ;
Not that day—but " some other day," I ween.

The Shareef bowed. He is too good a Noble
To cause the sons of Allah any trouble ;
But on his knees he nightly prays the Perii
That he may one future day, upon the banks of Erii,
Join in a cup of pure Arabian dew
With all Al Koran's thrice illustrious crew.

All the toasts were most eloquently responded to by those noted above, and received with every expression of approval, for the speakers were representative men of the various bodies of Masonry.

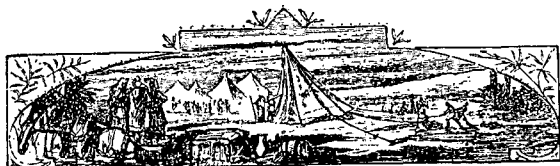
Noble CALEB H. BENTON, in behalf of the Oasis of Minneapolis, eloquently responded to the toast, and promised that he would aid Noble WILLIAM H. S. WRIGHT, of the St. Paul Oasis, in the work of building up the Shrines in those cities, and would in the next year show the proof of the wisdom of the Imperial Council in granting Charters to the Twin Cities of the West.

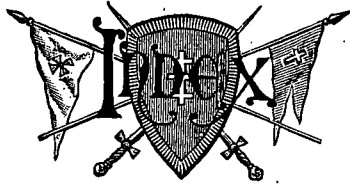
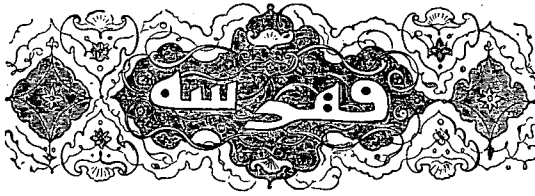
Noble THOMAS J. LEIGH, of New York, gave a fine rendering of "The Two Glasses," telling of the conquests of wine and water, "told to each other as they sat together, on a rich man's table, rim to rim." Loudly encored, he responded with the funny "Reply of the Sailor to the Parson."

Some elements of quiet and happy fun were every now and then peeping forth, and a number of the New York delegation of Nobles kept the assembly in a merry mood for some time, by introducing Mecca's world renowned "Arabian Bell Ringers," who extracted the most peculiar of weird music from the bells worn by their camels while travelling westward to the Oasis of Cleveland. In connection therewith Noble GEORGE W. MILLAR, of the Directory, demonstrated to the full satisfaction of the Nobles the impartial and indiscriminating manner in which all impolitic questions or obstructive appeals were met by his forces, and the bells were then distributed as souvenirs.

On the other hand, after the welcome and response of Noble WILLIAM RYAN, of Louisville, Ky., a number of Nobles presented him with a list of subscribers for the *Masonic Home Journal*, a paper printed at the "Home" by young Masonic orphans, with which grand charity he has been connected for the past sixteen years. He acknowledged that this warmly touched his heart, and gratefully thanked the Nobles for their thoughtfulness, in the midst of their pleasures, in contributing to the happiness of the Masonic orphans under his charge.

The Session was resolved to be the most successful one yet held, and while the nearly full moon of Ramadan was in the Zenith, the Arabs folded their tents, and silently stole away.





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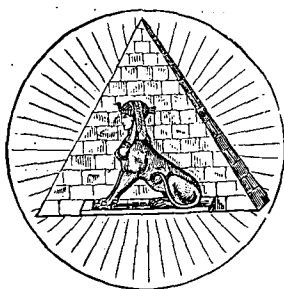
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THIRTEENTH ANNUAL SESSION—1887.



URSUA^NT to Resolution of June 14, 1886, the Thirteenth Annual Session of the Imperial Council of the Ancient Arabic Order of the Nobles of the Mystic Shrine for the United States of America was held at Al Beyt Ullahi 'l Haram of Murat Temple, in the City of Indianapolis, Indiana, on Nahar el Etnin, the 28th day of the ninth Arabic month of Ramadan, A. H. 1304, corresponding to Monday, the 20th day of June, A. D. 1887, at 10 o'clock

A. M., and in accordance with the Notice issued to all Officers, Members, and Temples, as follows :



ANNUAL NOTICE.

OFFICE OF IMPERIAL POTENTATE,
CLEVELAND, OHIO, May 2, 1887.

ILLUSTRIOUS NOBLE:



THE Imperial Council of the Ancient Arabic Order of the Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, for the United States of America, will hold its Thirteenth Annual Session on MONDAY, JUNE 20, 1887, at 10 o'clock A. M., at Al Beyt Ullahi 'l Haram of Murat Temple, Indianapolis, Indiana.

The Headquarters of the Congress will be at the new Denison House, Indianapolis, Indiana.

It is earnestly hoped that the Officers and Representatives will be in attendance.

RETURNS.—The Presiding Officer of every Subordinate Temple is hereby requested, if not already done, to direct his Illustrious Recorder to make out the annual RETURNS for the year ending December 31, 1886, to this Imperial Body, on or before June 1, 1887, ACCOMPANIED WITH THE INITIATION FEE FOR EVERY INITIATE, when Diplomas for every Noble will be immediately filled out by the Imperial Recorder and forwarded to the Temple (in accordance with Sections XXI. and XXXIX.).

DIPLOMAS.—All individual Nobles of the Order, not provided with DIPLOMAS, are referred to Section XXI., Statutes and Regulations, by which they are entitled to Diplomas *when their Temples return their names with the Initiation Fees.* as provided by Sections XXI. and XXXIX. The Illustrious Grand Potentates of all Subordinate Temples are responsible for the enforcement of the Statutes and Regulations, and particularly of the Sections just referred to. In accordance with Section XXI., all Recorders are required to send the Fees and Names of all new Nobles as soon as created, in order that they may receive their Diplomas before the next session of their Temples. Reports made only at the end of the year are now productive of great delay on account of the large number of orders received at one time.

TEMPLES UNDER DISPENSATION.—Temples under Dispensation are hereby ordered to transmit to the Imperial Recorder a full Report of all work done up to June 1, 1887, with the Fees for all Nobles, and accompanied with the Dispensation, for the consideration of the Imperial Council.

BUSINESS.—The Active Members of the Imperial Council are hereby requested to transmit immediately to the Imperial Recorder any complaints, suggestions, amendments, resolutions, motions, or other special business, that unnecessary delay may be avoided during the Session.

COMMITTEES.—All Committees are requested to have their Reports ready for presentation at the Session, as far as possible. All unfinished business will be found indexed on page 116 of Proceedings of 1886, with the Committees to whom referred.

SPECIAL INVITATION.—Murat Temple, through the Imperial Potentate, extends their greetings to the Members of the Imperial Council, and invites them to attend its extraordinary Session on the afternoon of June 20, to witness the exemplification of the Order.

Your presence at this coming Session of the Imperial Council is fraternally solicited.

Courteously yours in the Shrine,

SAM BRIGGS,

IMPERIAL POTENTATE.

WILLIAM S. PATERSON,

IMPERIAL RECORDER.



PRESENT AT OPENING.

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PAST ACTIVE MEMBER.

Noble BRENTON D. BABCOCK, Cleveland, Ohio.

VISITORS.

A large number of the Nobles of the Order, who were visitors from various parts of the United States, was present, by invitation.

OPENING.



THE Imperial Council in Annual Session was opened in full Ceremonial Form.

The IMPERIAL HIGH PRIEST AND PROPHET delivered the solemn Invocation of the Order.

The Imperial Council was declared open in Ample Form, and in order for business.

The Roll of Officers was called, those present are recorded above, and appointments were made to fill the vacancies temporarily, as noted in the list of Officers.

ADMISSION OF NOBLES.

On motion of Noble CHARLES H. FLACH, it was—

Resolved, That all properly accredited Nobles of the Mystic Shrine be, and are hereby, invited to be present during the Session of the Imperial Council.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE TWELFTH ANNUAL SESSION.



THE Imperial Recorder announced that the Proceedings of the Twelfth Annual Session had been printed and sent to all Members of the Imperial Council, and to all Temples.

On motion, the reading of the last Annual Proceedings was dispensed with.

On motion of Noble JOSEPH B. EAKINS, it was—

Resolved, That the Proceedings of the Twelfth Annual Session, as printed, be, and they are hereby, approved and adopted.



ANNUAL ADDRESS.

The Most Illustrious Potentate, SAM BRIGGS, submitted and delivered the following Annual Address :

CLEVELAND, O., June 15, 1887.

TO THE OFFICERS AND MEMBERS OF THE IMPERIAL COUNCIL :



ILLUSTRIOUS ASSOCIATES :—I congratulate you upon the interest manifested in this the Thirteenth Annual Session of this Imperial Body, and, invoking the spirit of harmony upon your deliberations, I will briefly review the transactions of the past year, and in a concise form present for your consideration, such recommendations as seem to me to be required for the future government and welfare of the institution.

CONDITIONS OF THE ORDER.

The continued progress and prosperity of the Order in the United States is abundantly apparent in the report of the Imperial Recorder, and the increased interest in the propagation of the Shrine is evidenced by the rapidly growing correspondence of the Imperial office, largely with individuals at remote points desirous of having the privileges and benefits of the Order extended.

THE FRATERNAL DEAD.

No official communication has been received during the past twelve-month announcing the demise of any of our official corps, and I am pleased to note that the "Unseen Temple" has sheltered but a very small percentage of our membership.

TRANSACTIONS OF IMPERIAL OFFICERS.

The harmonious co-operation of the Imperial officers has largely contributed to the welfare of the Order, and particularly would I commend the individual assistance rendered by the Imperial Deputy Potentate Eakins, the Imperial Chief Rabban Thompson, and the members of the Imperial Directory, to whom the Imperial office is particularly indebted for their prompt and courteous aid upon various occasions.

The official acts of the Imperial Potentate will more fully appear under special heads in this address. The correspondence between the Imperial officers has been most pleasant and satisfactory, each performing his allotted duty with zeal and discretion. In this connection I desire to commend the Imperial Recorder for the thorough and business-like dispatch of affairs referred to this bureau.

The necessity of Executive interference in the affairs of subordinate Temples is gradually becoming less, and with a few well-digested alterations and emendations to some of the existing laws, existing differences will become harmonized, and the duties of the Imperial office and the Imperial Directory be reduced to a large degree.

APPOINTMENTS, DISPENSATIONS, AND CHARTERS.

June 21, 1886, I appointed Past Imperial Potentate Walter M. Fleming, Imperial Director George W. Millar, and Imperial Recorder William S. Paterson to constitute a *Committee on Foreign Correspondence*.

June 28, By resolution of Twelfth Imperial Council, Charters were issued to—

Almas Temple,	Washington, D. C.
El Kahir Temple,	Cedar Rapids, Iowa.
Kosair Temple,	Louisville, Ky.
Moolah Temple,	St. Louis, Mo.
Osman Temple,	St. Paul, Minn.
Palestine Temple,	Newport, R. I.
Saladin Temple,	Grand Rapids, Mich.
Tripoli Temple,	Milwaukee, Wis.
Zuhrah Temple,	Minneapolis, Minn.

July 15, I communicated the Order to Sir Alfred Paull, Knight, and ten (10) other Knights Templar at Wheeling, West Virginia, and under authority of Sec. XIII., Statutes and Regulations, issued to them a Dispensation for Osiris Temple at Wheeling, W. Va.

July 13, I issued Dispensation for Saltanat Temple at London, Ontario.

Aug. 16, Issued Dispensation to Potentate E. J. Crandall to install officers elect of Moolah Temple.

Aug. 16, Appointed Noble W. H. Mayo, Special Deputy, to install Potentate elect of Moolah Temple.

Aug. 16, Issued Dispensation to Potentate of Moolah Temple to communicate grade to certain petitioners.

Sept. 22, Officially visited Moolah Temple at St. Louis.

Oct. 13, A petition for Dispensation was asked for Cairo Temple at Oswego, N. Y., but owing to inharmonious action of Ziyara Temple of Utica, N. Y., the fee was returned and Dispensation denied.

Oct. 15, Issued Dispensation to Ziyara Temple to act on petitions at a special session, and confer grade at a subsequent special session.

Jan. 3, 1887, Issued Dispensation to Osman Temple to hold special election for Chief Rabban, Jan. 12.

Jan. 3, Deputed Imperial Marshal C. B. Mason to install officers elect of Palestine Temple.

Jan. 8, Issued Dispensation to Moolah Temple to install officers elect, Jan. 12.

Jan. 12, Issued Dispensation to Almas Temple to receive and act upon petitions Jan. 17, and to confer grade.

Jan. 20, Officially visited Almas Temple, Washington, D. C.

Jan. 21, Officially visited Acca Temple, Richmond, Va.

Jan. 27, Issued Dispensation to Medinah Temple to receive certain petitioners resident in the State of Nebraska.

Feb. 25, Issued Dispensation to Syria Temple to communicate grade to an applicant at a special session for a special purpose.

Mar. 2, Issued Dispensation to Lu Lu Temple to receive and act upon petitions, and confer grade at two special sessions in May.

Mar. 5, Issued Dispensation to Syria Temple to confer grade at Erie, Pa., or elsewhere in their jurisdiction during year 1887.

Mar. 11, Officially visited Saladin Temple at Grand Rapids, Mich.

Mar. 15, Appointed Noble E. C. Culp as Special Deputy for Imperial Potentate to communicate grade to applicants at Salina, Kansas.

Mar. 23, Deputed Imperial Chief Rabban James H. Thompson to communicate grade to applicants at Leavenworth, Kansas.

Mar. 29, Issued Dispensation to Noble Edward C. Culp and others, for Isis Temple, at Salina, Kansas.

April 7, Issued Dispensation to Noble Richard A. Ketner and others, for Abdallah Temple, at Leavenworth, Kansas.

April 21, Issued Dispensation to Noble George S. McConkey and others, for Rameses Temple, at London, Canada.

May 31, Issued Dispensation to Noble Joseph K. Ashby and others, for Hella Temple, at Dallas, Texas.

June 11, Issued Dispensation to Noble Alexander Stevens and others, for Ballut Abyad Temple, at Albuquerque, New Mexico.

The Imperial Potentate acknowledges invitations to visit Aleppo, Syrian, Moslem, Palestine, and other Temples, but the press of an exacting private business has made it impossible to avail thereof.

I desire to sincerely express my regrets at not being able to attend the "Benefit performance," extended by Medinah Temple, of Chicago, to the Illinois Masonic Orphans' Home, which was properly an unqualified success, redounding greatly to the credit of the Nobility of Chicago.

In addition to the correspondence already noted concerning the establishment of Temples, communications have been received regarding the foundation of subordinate bodies at Kansas City, Mo.; Lyons and Clinton, Iowa; Staunton, Va.; Atlanta, Ga.; Fargo, Dak.; Lincoln,

Neb., and Brooklyn, N. Y. The interest manifested is largely due to the notable visits made by officers of the Imperial Council, under the escort of Mecca Temple, of New York; Medinah Temple, of Chicago; and Al Koran Temple, of Cleveland, to the Oases of St. Louis, Washington, Richmond, and Grand Rapids during the past year.

EXPENSES OF IMPERIAL OFFICE.

Jan. 28, 1887, Telegrams, postage, etc., June 14, 1886, to date....	\$7 65
Feb. 28, Stamped envelopes.....	12 50
Mar. 12, Travelling expenses to date.....	137 50
Mar. 15, Copying press and stand.....	18 60
Mar. 28, Express, telegrams, postage, etc.....	9 75
	\$186 00

FINANCE AND ACCOUNTS.

The elaborate reports of your Recorder and Treasurer, submitted at this Council, will amply reflect your prosperous financial condition, as well as confirm the wisdom of the legislation of the previous session of this Imperial Body.

GRIEVANCE AND APPEAL.

Under this title have occurred some differences of opinion, largely caused by inadvertence and disregard of territorial jurisdiction.

These misunderstandings have been called to the attention of the Imperial Directory, and by them, and possibly through the parties at interest, may be submitted for your determination at this time.

JURISPRUDENCE AND LAWS.

As heretofore suggested I desire to submit the following changes in the fundamental law for your consideration:

Statutes and Regulations:

SECTION I. Paragraph 6, page 4, to read:

“Active Members shall be entitled to Diplomas certifying them as such, and must continue to be Life Members or Contributing Members of Subordinate Temples.”

Add:

“Active Members resigning may be placed upon the *Emeritus* roll, they having performed meritorious service entitling them to this distinction.”

SEC. VII. Add:

“The Imperial Potentate and Imperial Deputy Potentate shall be *ex-officio* members of the Directory.”

SEC. XIII. Add :

"But no Dispensation shall be continued (if granted more than six (6) months prior to any regular session of the Imperial Council), neither shall any Charter be granted, to any Temple not having provided itself with a *seal*, a *proper place of meeting*, and the *necessary paraphernalia* for conferring the grade."

* SEC. XIII. Amend by striking out "The Most Illustrious Grand Potentate," and substituting "The Imperial Directory, or a majority thereof."

SEC. XIV. Add :

"But nothing in this Section shall be construed to impair the prerogative of the Imperial Directory to issue Dispensations for Temples in States or Territories where Temples have not been established."

SEC. XX. *Substitute:*

"Deputies may be appointed by the Imperial Potentate, and, when requested by a majority of the Imperial Directory, it shall be his duty to do so.

"No Deputy shall be appointed except for a specific purpose, which shall be set forth in his commission; and his appointment shall cease when the said purposes shall have been executed. It shall be the duty of each Deputy appointed under the provisions of this Section to *return* his authority, with a written report of his action thereunder."

SEC. XXI. Paragraph 2 :

Strike out "Fifty Dollars (\$50)," and substitute "One Hundred and Fifty Dollars (\$150), of which One Hundred Dollars (\$100) shall be returned when the provisions of Sec. XIII. are complied with, and a Charter granted."

Sec. XXX. Make more definite as to prerequisites for the Order.

Add paragraph :

"No Subordinate Temple shall receive any applications for the Order from any person resident in any State or Territory where no Temple exists, without special authority first being had from the Imperial Potentate, or a majority of the Imperial Directory."

Also, Give Imperial Potentate statutory power to grant dispensations for special purposes in subordinate bodies.

Also, Enact that power be granted Imperial Potentate to order inspections of Subordinate Temples at certain intervals.

SEC. XXVI. Make jurisdictional boundaries more certain, for the reason that jurisdictions have been invaded at times, and some Subordinate Temples have been a law unto themselves, passing upon the sufficiency of other regularly chartered Temples and their officers. If this Section be made more certain, then the necessity for the issue of circulars similar to the one emanating from the Imperial Directory on July 13, 1886, would be obviated.

* This in case the addition is made to Section VII. as above.

DECISIONS.

The following decisions are in reply to the Temples named, who have desired official interpretation of the law. They are submitted for the review of the Council.

Saladin Temple :

A Potentate of a Temple has no authority to communicate the Order outside of his Temple without special dispensation to that end.

Moolah Temple :

Territories or States where no Temples have been established are free territory, from which established Temples may select material.

(This does not quite agree with the circular of the Imperial Directory, July 13, 1886, but still I am of the opinion that the ambiguity of Sec. XXVI. would warrant either decision.)

Ziyara Temple :

Temples are empowered to open a session at any place within their jurisdiction to confer the grade. Special dispensation not required, except for other than regular meetings.

Kosair Temple and El Kahir Temple :

"Cerneau Rite" Masons not Knights Templar are not eligible for the Shrine.

Moolah Temple :

An installed officer (except Potentate) may resign, and his successor may be appointed or elected, and be installed by Potentate.

Aleppo Temple :

A protest against conferring the Order upon an applicant previously elected is lawful, and should be observed, no provision to the contrary existing in the By-Laws.

Kaaba Temple :

The right to object to the entrance of a visiting Noble to any Temple is inherent with any member of such Temple.

RITUAL.

Nothing has occurred during the past year to warrant any change in the Ritualistic ceremonies, and the only recommendation presenting itself is the care that should be exercised in securing the safety of the Rituals now extant, and their proper and prompt transmission from the present holder to his successor in office.

CONCLUSION.

In conclusion, I would again call the attention of Potentates to the necessity of a strict adherence to, and observation of, the *Official Decree and Admonition* set forth upon page 91 of Twelfth Annual Proceedings, 1886, the provisions and requirements of which have been violated in some instances during the past year.

In your sessions I desire that the cultivation of the social feature be encouraged and that every effort be put forth to promote harmonious relations among the Nobility, else our title is a misnomer.

Increased membership is of secondary import to the necessity of inculcating the intimate acquaintance and fellowship of those already in possession of the attributes of our Order, to the end that, with the opportunities afforded by our institution it may exist in favorable contrast with other organizations, and that soon may be realized to the fullest extent the desire of the Prophet that "Ye shall sit on seats facing one another; all grudges shall be taken away out of your hearts."

Yours in the Faith,

SAM BRIGGS,

IMPERIAL POTENTATE.

ADDRESS REFERRED TO SPECIAL COMMITTEE.



ON motion of Noble CHARLES H. HEYZER, it was—

Resolved, That the Annual Address of the Imperial Potentate be received, and be referred to a Special Committee for subdivision and for reference to the appropriate Committees.

COMMITTEE ON ADDRESS.

The Imperial Potentate appointed as the Special Committee on Address:

Noble BRENTON D. BABCOCK,
 " EDWARD B. JORDAN,
 " BENJAMIN W. BROWNE.

ADDRESS TO BE PRINTED.

On motion of Noble JAMES MCGEE, it was—

Resolved, That five hundred copies of the Annual Address be printed, and distributed to the Members and Nobles.

In accordance with the Resolution, the Annual Address was printed and distributed to all present.



ABSENT OFFICERS AND MEMBERS.

LETTERS from the following Nobles, signifying their regrets at their inability to attend this Session, were received, and their names ordered to be printed in the Proceedings:

Noble	JESSE B. ANTHONY,	Noble	GEORGE F. LODER,
"	FRANK H. BASCOMB,	"	HUGH MCCURDY,
"	ARTHUR R. BLAKESLEE,	"	CLARENCE B. MASON,
"	JAMES A. COLLINS,	"	GEORGE E. PANTLIND,
"	EDWARD M. L. EHLERS,	"	AUGUSTUS W. PETERS,
"	WILLIAM E. FITCH,	"	ALBERT L. RAWSON,
"	WALTER M. FLEMING,	"	JOHN A. SCHLENER,
"	WILLIAM J. FLORENCE,	"	GEORGE SCOTT,
"	JOHN H. GRAY,	"	CHARLES W. TORREY,
"	SAMUEL HARPER,	"	D. BURNHAM TRACY,
"	HOWARD F. HILL,	"	JUSTUS W. F. WASHBURN,
"	JOHN S. HOPKINS,	"	WILLIAM H. WHITING,
"	JULIUS W. KNOWLTON,	"	JOHN WORTHINGTON,
"	JOSEPH M. LEVEY,	"	WILLIAM H. S. WRIGHT.

STANDING COMMITTEES.



THE Imperial Potentate continued the following Standing Committees, having filled several vacancies :

I.—*Transactions of the Imperial Officers.*

Noble CHARLES T. McCLENACHAN,
 " THOMAS J. HUDSON,
 " HENRY H. MCGAFFEY.

II.—*Dispensations and Charters.*

Noble JOHN T. BRUSH,
 " RICHARD P. MARVIN, JR.,
 " JAMES H. THOMPSON.

III.—*Finance and Accounts.*

Noble CHARLES H. HEYZER,
 " HORACE W. HUBBARD,
 " CYRUS W. EATON.

IV.—*Grievances and Appeals.*

Noble GEORGE W. MILLAR,
 " EDWARD B. JORDAN,
 " WILLIAM RYAN.

V.—*Jurisprudence and Laws.*

Noble CHARLES T. McCLENACHAN,
 " WILLIAM B. MELISH,
 " HENRY E. HOSLEY.

VI.—*Mileage and Pay of Representatives.*

Noble JOSEPH B. EAKINS,
 " CHARLES H. HEYZER,
 " JAMES MCGEE.

*The Imperial Council.*VII.—*Foreign Correspondence.*

Noble CYRUS W. EATON,
 “ GEORGE W. MILLAR
 “ WILLIAM S. PATERSON.

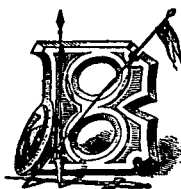
VIII.—*Ritual.*

Noble CYRUS W. EATON,
 “ CHARLES T. MCCLENACHAN,
 “ GEORGE W. MILLAR.

IX.—*Deceased Members.*

Noble WALTER M. FLEMING,
 “ THOMAS J. HUDSON,
 “ RICHARD P. MARVIN, JR.

REPORT OF IMPERIAL TREASURER.



Y the Imperial Treasurer the following Annual Report was submitted:

NEW YORK, June 16, 1887.

To the Imperial Potentate, Officers, and Members of the Imperial Council, N. M. S.:

Your Imperial Treasurer herewith submits his annual statement of the moneys received and disbursed by him, together with the vouchers, from June 10, 1886, to June 16 1887:

Receipts.

June 10, 1886.	To Balance on hand.....	\$1,733 13
“ 14, “	To Cash from Imperial Recorder....	\$232 00
“ “ “	“ “ “ “	26 00
“ 24, “	“ “ “ “	192 00
Oct. 29, “	“ “ “ “	314 00
Nov. 22, “	“ “ “ “	280 00
Jan. 13, 1887.	“ “ “ “	1,012 00
Feb. 23, “	“ “ “ “	572 00
March 21, “	“ “ “ “	873 00
May 23, “	“ “ “ “	1,534 00
June 4, “	“ “ “ “	1,056 00
“ 15. “	“ “ “ “	603 00
		\$6,694 00
Total.....		\$8,427 13

Disbursements.

June	14, 1886.	By Warrant No. 108,	T. Elmendorf.....	\$5 00
"	"	"	109, J. B. Eakins.....	19 50
Nov.	20,	"	110, W. S. Paterson.....	100 00
"	"	"	111, " ".....	26 25
"	"	"	112, A. H. Kellogg.....	149 50
"	"	"	113, " ".....	176 70
"	"	"	114, " ".....	56 50
"	"	"	115, " ".....	306 85
"	"	"	116, A. L. Rawson.....	25 00
"	"	"	117, W. S. Paterson.....	108 30
Dec.	4,	"	118, Sam Briggs.....	100 00
Jan.	13, 1887.	"	119, Jno. P. Miller.....	50 00
Feb.	3,	"	120, Sam Briggs.....	100 00
March	21,	"	121, Geo. W. Millar ..	184 00
"	"	"	122, Ed. Williams.....	90 00
"	30,	"	123, Sam Briggs.....	86 00
June	4,	"	124, W. S. Paterson.....	25 84
"	"	"	125, " ".....	33 00
"	"	"	126, A. H. Kellogg... ..	55 00
"	"	"	127, " ".....	240 00
"	"	"	128, W. S. Paterson.....	89 18
"	"	"	129, Wash. Mullin.....	63 55
"	"	"	130, W. S. Paterson.....	600 00
"	13,	"	131, Sam Briggs.....	100 00
Total.....				\$2,790 17

Recapitulation.

June 16, 1887.	Total amount of Receipts.....	\$8,427 13
"	" " Disbursements.....	2,790 17
Balance on hand.....		\$5,636 96

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JOSEPH M. LEVEY,
Imperial Treasurer.

REFERENCE OF IMPERIAL TREASURER'S REPORT.

On motion of Noble JAMES H. THOMPSON, it was—

Resolved, That the Report of the Imperial Treasurer be received, and referred to the Committee on Finance and Accounts.



REPORT OF THE IMPERIAL RECORDER.



ANNUAL Report of the Imperial Recorder was presented as follows :

NEW YORK, June 15, 1887.

To the Officers and Members of the Imperial Council for the United States of America :

Your Imperial Recorder respectfully submits the following Annual Report for the year ending this date :

Imperial Council.

At the close of the last Annual Session, and to the present time, there are:

No. of Active Members of the Imperial Council.....	46
“ Past Active Members	49
“ Emeriti Members	6
“ Representatives of Temples in the East.....	3
“ Temples which have been Chartered to date.....	28
“ Temples under Dispensation to date.....	9

Reports of Temples.

The Reports which have been received from the various Temples are given on the table on the next page.

The Officers of the various Temples are given at the end of these Proceedings.

A Recapitulation of the Annual Reports from all the Temples shows the following totals :

No. Nobles on December 31, 1885	3,039
“ “ Entered the Unseen Temple.....	25
“ “ Dimitted.....	108
“ “ Suspended.....	16
“ “ Expelled	2
Decrease in Members.....	151
Leaving a total of.....	2,888
No. Nobles Created to December 31, 1886, including Temples under Dispensation to date.....	2,030
“ “ Affiliated and Restored to date.....	20
Increase in Nobles.....	2,050
Total Number of Nobles to date.....	4,938

Report of Temples, to January 1, 1887.

TEMPLES.	LOCATION.	Members, Dec. 31, 1885.	Died.	Dimitted.	Suspended.	Expelled.	Created.	Affiliated Restored.	Charter Members.	Members, Dec. 31, 1886.
1 Abdallah, U. D.....	Leavenworth.....						8		24	32
2 Acca, U. D.....	Richmond.....						26		15	41
3 Aleppo.....	Boston.....	113	3	2			199	1		308
4 Al Koran.....	Cleveland.....	196	1	3			53			245
5 Almas.....	Washington.....						23		10	33
6 Ballut Abyad, U. D.	Albuquerque.....								8	8
7 Boumi.....	Baltimore.....	58	1				48			105
8 Cyprus.....	Albany.....	48	1				21			68
9 Damascus.....	Rochester.....	70					87 88			156 157
10 El Kahir.....	Cedar Rapids.....			1			39		7	45
11 Hella, U. D.....	Dallas.....						17		7	24
12 Isis, U. D.....	Salina.....						49		24	73
13 Islam.....	San Francisco.....	81					30			111
14 Jerusalem, U. D...	New Orleans.....	22	1				5			26
15 Kaaba.....	Davenport.....	24					4			28
16 Kosair.....	Louisville.....	39					36			75
17 Lu Lu.....	Philadelphia.....	424	1	7			91			507
18 Mecca.....	New York.....	758	7	8			268	7		1,018
19 Medinah.....	Chicago.....	229	4	18	9	1	195	3, 4		399
20 Moolah.....	St. Louis.....					1	85	1	10	95
21 Moslem.....	Detroit.....	135		55			51			131
22 Mount Sinai.....	Montpelier.....	29					8			37
23 Murat.....	Indianapolis.....	106		1			44 46	1		150
24 Oriental.....	Troy.....	25	2				16			39 37
25 Osiris, U. D.....	Wheeling.....						29	1	11	32 31
26 Osman.....	St. Paul.....	38					43	1		82
27 Palestine.....	Newport.....			1			75			74
28 Pyramid.....	Bridgeport.....	158					46			204
29 Rameses, U. D.....	Toronto, Can.....						21		7	28
30 Salaam.....	Olney.....	13					8			21
31 Saladin.....	Grand Rapids.....						18		42	60
32 Saltanat, U. D.....	London, Can.....								16	16
33 Syria.....	Pittsburgh.....	182	1		1		43			223
34 Syrian.....	Cincinnati.....	190	1	12	6		51			222
35 Tripoli.....	Milwaukee.....	67	1				64			130
36 Ziyara.....	Utica.....	10	1				26			35
37 Zuhrah.....	Minneapolis.....	24					32	1		57
Totals.....		3,039	25	108	16	2	1,849	20	181	4,938

Receipts.

There have been received for Fees and Dues, for the year ending this date, from the following Temples:

DATE.	TEMPLE.	Dues.	Init. Fees.	Rituals.	Dispen- sation.	Total.
Nov. 13, 1886.	Abdallah				\$50 00	
April 5, 1887.	"		\$161 00			\$211 00
Jan. 24, "	Acca	\$10 00	52 00			
June 13, "	"		64 00			126 00
Mar. 16, "	Aleppo	40 00	398 00			
" 26, "	"		136 00			
June 10, "	"		70 00			644 00
April 18, "	Al Koran	20 00	106 00			
May 31, "	"	30 00				
Mar. 29, "	"			\$5 00		161 00
Feb. 25, "	Almas	10 00	46 00			56 00
May 4, "	Ballut Abyad			10 00	50 00	60 00
June 13, "	"		49 00			49 00
Jan. 12, "	Boumi	20 00	116 00			136 00
" 7, "	Cyprus	10 00	10 00			
May 3, "	"		36 00			56 00
Sept. 10, 1886.	Damascus		36 00			
Oct. 23, "	"		74 C3			
Dec. 10, "	"		40 00			150 00
June 14, "	El Kahir		6 00			
Sept. 16, "	"		6 00			
Jan. 24, 1887.	"	10 00	56 00			78 00
June 2, "	Hella			10 00	50 00	60 00
Mar. 29, "	Isis		105 00	5 00	50 00	160 00
Feb. 1, "	Islam	20 00	60 00			80 00
" 8, "	Jerusalem		10 00			
" 24, "	"			5 00		15 00
Jan. 11, "	Kaaba	10 00				
" 17, "	"		16 00			
Feb. 15, "	"		22 00			
Mar. 22, "	"		4 00			52 00
May 20, "	Kismet				50 00	50 00
June 14, 1886.	Kosair		110 00			
May 18, 1887.	"	10 00	26 00			
June 1, "	"		50 00			196 00
Jan. 11, "	Lu Lu	60 00	182 00			242 00
June 3, "	"		750 00			750 00
Oct. 29, 1886.	Mecca		254 00			
" 29, "	"		60 00			
Nov. 29, "	"		42 00			
Jan. 13, 1887.	"	110 00	180 00			
" 31, "	"		72 00			
Feb. 25, "	"		60 00			
Mar. 31, "	"		66 00			
Apr. 30, "	"		42 00			
May 31, "	"		36 00			922 00
Carried forward		360 00	3,609 00	35 00	250 00	4,254 00

Receipts—Continued.

DATE.	TEMPLE.	Dues.	Init. Fees.	Rituals.	Dispensation.	Total.
Bro't forward		\$360 00	\$3,609 00	\$35 00	\$250 00	\$4,254 00
April 23, 1887	Medinah	40 00	390 00			430 00
Mar. 16, "	Moolah	10 00	170 00			180 00
June 14, 1886	Moslem	60 00				
Aug. 13, "	"		16 00			
Oct. 5, "	"		10 00			
Feb. 23, 1887	"		16 00			
April 11, "	"		28 00			
May 4, "	"		24 00			
" 31, "	"	20 00	10 00			184 00
June 18, 1886	Mount Sinai		2 00			
Sept. 27, "	"		2 00			
Nov. 27, "	"		6 00			
Dec. 9-10, "	"	10 00	10 00			
" 17, "	"		2 00			
Jan. 28, 1887	"		4 00			
Mar. 11, "	"		4 00			
April 1, "	"		2 00			
June 11, "	"		30 00			72 00
Jan. 10, "	Murat	20 00	88 00			
April 22, "	"		20 00			128
June 14, 1886	Oriental	10 00				
June 2, 1887	"	40 00	32 00			82 00
July 23, 1886	Osiris		77 00	15 00	50 00	
Dec. 29, "	"	10 00				
June 3, 1887	"		28 00			
" 13, "	"		12 00			192 00
" 14, 1886	Osman		62 00			
Jan. 17, 1887	"	10 00	24 00			
June 13, "	"		58 00			154 00
Mar. 1, "	Pyramid	30 00				
" 16, "	"		74 00			
June 13, "	"		86 00			190 00
April 27, "	Rameses				50 00	
June 15, "	"	10 00	42 00			102 00
Feb. 23, "	Salaam	10 00	16 00			26 00
July 23, 1886	Saltanat				50 00	
Aug. 13, "	"		28 00			78 00
Feb. 1, 1887	Syria	30 00	86 00			116 00
June 6, "	Syrian	30 00	102 00			132 00
Mar. 31, "	Tripoli	20 00	128 00			148 00
June 14, 1886	Ziyara	10 00				
Oct. 20, "	"		6 00			
Dec. 8, "	"	12 00	46 00			
June 3, 1887	"		28 00			102 00
Jan. 28, "	Zuhrarah	10 00	64 00			74 00
Oct. 2, 1886	Oswego, N. Y.				50 00	50 00
Total		780 00	5,414 00	50 00	450 00	6,694 00

*The Imperial Council.**Recapitulation of above Receipts.*

Receipts for Dispensation Fees.....	\$450 00
“ Annual Dues.....	780 00
“ Initiation Fees.....	5,414 00
“ Rituals.....	50 00
Total paid Imperial Treasurer.....	<u>\$6,694 00</u>

Receipts since and at this Session.

June 16, 1887.	Salaam Temple, 6 Initiations.....	\$12 00
“ “	Abdallah Temple, 8 Initiations.....	16 00
“ “	Pyramid Temple, Dues	30 00
June 20, “	Isis Temple, 49 Initiations.....	98 00
“ “	Hella Temple, 17 Initiations.....	34 00
Total.....		<u>\$190 00</u>

Change of Title of Temple.

In accordance with the Resolution against similar names of Temples, adopted at last Session, PYRAMID TEMPLE, of Davenport, Iowa, agreed to change its Title, and on March 17, 1887, formally announced and proclaimed that it should be known, designated, and recognized as KAABA TEMPLE, of Davenport, Iowa.

With many thanks to the Officers of the Subordinate Temples, and the Members of the Imperial Council, for their kindness,

I am courteously yours,

WILLIAM S. PATERSON,
Imperial Recorder.

REFERENCE OF IMPERIAL RECORDER'S REPORT.

On motion of Noble GEORGE W. MILLAR, it was—

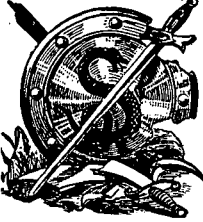
Resolved, That the Annual Report of the Imperial Recorder be received, and referred to the Committee on Finance and Accounts.

COMMITTEE ON NEXT ANNUAL SESSION.

As the Committee on Place of the next Annual Session, the Imperial Potentate appointed :

Noble JOSEPH B. EAKINS,
“ THOMAS J. HUDSON,
“ CHARLES H. FLACK.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ADDRESS.



SPECIAL Committee on the Annual Address presented the following Report :

The Committee to whom was referred the Annual Address of the Most Illustrious Imperial Potentate beg leave to submit the following Report :

1. That that portion of the Address of the Most Imperial Potentate relating to the Condition of the Order is gratifying.
2. That so much as refers to Appointments, Dispensations, and Charters be referred to the Committee on Dispensations and Charters.
3. That portion of Address relating to Finance and Accounts be referred to Committee on Finance and Accounts.
4. That so much as refers to Grievance and Appeal be referred to Committee on Grievances and Appeals.
5. That so much as refers to Jurisprudence and Laws and Statutes and Regulations be referred to Committee on Jurisprudence and Laws.
6. That so much as refers to Ritual be heartily approved by this Committee.

BRENTON D. BABCOCK,
EDWARD B. JORDAN,
BENJAMIN W. BROWNE,

Committee.

On motion of Noble WILLIAM B. MELISH, the Report of the Committee on Address was received, the Committee discharged with the thanks of the Imperial Council, and the subjects were ordered to be referred as recommended.

AMENDMENTS TO STATUTES.

Noble CHARLES T. MCCLENACHAN offered the following Amendments to the Statutes and Regulations :

Strike out of Section I. all after the word "America" in the first paragraph, and all of the second paragraph, and insert a new paragraph, to read as follows :

"Each Temple under the jurisdiction of this Imperial Council shall be entitled to one Representative, consisting of the Presiding Officer of such Temple. Each Temple shall be further entitled to one additional Representative for every two hundred members, or fraction over two hundred members, in its number of membership, which additional Representatives shall be elected by the respective Temples, and be accredited to the Imperial Council."

Also, Strike out the word "Active" from the Statutes and Regulations, wherever the same may appear, and insert the word "Representative" in each case in lieu thereof.

Also, Strike out the seventh paragraph of Section I.

Also, Add the following to the eighth paragraph of Section I.:

"And no Representative or Representatives of a Temple shall be entitled to mileage beyond the aggregate amount paid to the Imperial Council for that year by such Temple, and no deficiency shall be chargeable to a succeeding year."

Also, Strike out all after the word "Session," in the third line, third paragraph, Section IV., to wit, the words, "but such vacancy shall be filled by election from the State in which the vacancy was created."

Also, Add to the first paragraph of Section XII. the following:

"But upon a successor being installed, all powers as Imperial Potentate shall cease, and he shall be designated "Past Imperial Potentate."

Also, Insert the following in lieu of Section XXVI.:

"The jurisdiction of a Subordinate Temple shall include one-half the distance between two Temples, situated within any given State, the distance to be computed in time by the ordinary means of travel. But those States wherein no Temple has been established shall be deemed common property."

Also, Add to Section XXXI. the following:

"On the rejection of a Candidate, the name, residence, and date of rejection shall be immediately transmitted by the Recorder, under seal, to the Imperial Recorder of the Imperial Council.

"No Candidate shall be received in any Temple from a State in which no Temple is established, without a record from the Grand Recorder that he has not been rejected in any other Temple."

Also, Add to Section XLII.:

"But an Amendment having been presented to the Imperial Council, may, *ad interim* of the Sessions, be submitted to all Representatives of the Imperial Body, and upon the receipt of the approval of three-fourths of the entire number, by the Imperial Potentate, declaration may issue that the Amendments have been adopted."

On motion, the amendments were received, and referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence and Laws.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON MILEAGE.



COMMITTEE on Mileage and Pay of Representatives offered the following Report:

To the Imperial Council, Nobles of the Mystic Shrine:

Owing to the steady growth of the Order and the healthy condition of the Imperial Treasury, your Committee on Mileage and Pay of Members of the Imperial Council beg leave at this time to make a Report, and recommend that mileage be paid at a rate not exceeding three cents per mile, computed by the shortest railroad route; and further recommend pay of Members

at the rate of five dollars per diem while in Session, thus carrying out Subsection VI. of Section XIX. of the Statutes and Regulations.

JOSEPH B. EAKINS,
CHARLES H. HEYZER,
JAMES MCGEE,

Committee.

On motion, the Report was received, and referred to the Committee on Finance and Accounts.

DEFINITION OF SCOTTISH RITE.

Noble CHARLES T. MCCLENACHAN offered the following Resolution :

Resolved, That it is hereby declared as the meaning and intent of the last sentence of the first paragraph, Section XXX., which says, "a Thirty-second Degree Mason of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite of a regular Supreme Council of said Rite," that it is and shall be strictly construed to mean the Supreme Councils for the Northern and for the Southern Jurisdiction of such Rite in the United States, and those Supreme Councils which are in amity with and are recognized by them.

On motion, the Resolution was received, and adopted.

TITLE OF IMPERIAL COUNCIL.

Noble GEORGE P. BALMAIN offered the following Resolution :

Resolved, That the title of "The Imperial Council for the United States of America" be changed to "The Imperial Council for North America."

On motion, the Resolution was received, and referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence and Laws.

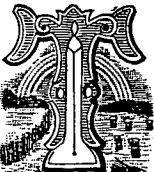
PREREQUISITE FOR MEMBERSHIP.

Noble HENRY H. MCGAFFEY presented the following Resolution :

Resolved, That the prerequisite for membership in this Order shall be the possession of the Thirty-second Degree in the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite, for the Northern or Southern Masonic Jurisdiction, U. S. A., or in any other Scottish Rite body recognized by the same.

On motion, the Resolution was received, and referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence and Laws.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FINANCE AND ACCOUNTS.



HE Committee on Finance and Accounts presented the following Report :

To the Imperial Potentate and Members of the Imperial Council :

Your Committee on Finance and Accounts beg to submit the following Report :

We have carefully examined the financial accounts of the M. I. Imperial Potentate, the Imperial Treasurer, and the Imperial Recorder, together with the accompanying vouchers and bills, and find them correct.

Your Committee recommend that five hundred copies of the Proceedings of this Annual Session of the Imperial Council be printed, at an expense of not over three hundred and fifty dollars (\$350).

We recommend that a warrant be drawn for five dollars in favor of Noble Theodore Elmendorf, for services as Ill. Imperial Assistant Guard during the present Session.

We recommend that the salary of the Imperial Recorder for the ensuing year be the same as last year, that of six hundred dollars.

We find on the books of the Secretary some trifling amounts from several Temples are due to the Imperial Council, and this Committee recommend that these accounts be referred to the Directory, with power of adjudication.

We find the amount of cash in the Treasury, as per Report of the Imperial Treasurer, to be five thousand six hundred and thirty-six dollars and ninety-six cents (\$5,636.96).

And further, your Committee concurs in the Report of the Committee on Mileage and Pay of Representatives, so far as the pay of Mileage is concerned, at the rate of three cents per mile for each mile travelled, as stated in that report. As to the matter of *per diem*, your Committee think it wise that this part of the Report be not adopted.

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES H. HEYZER,
HORACE W. HUBBARD,
CYRUS W. EATON,

Committee.

On motion, the Report was received, and the Recommendations were adopted.

CORRECTION IN RITUAL.

The Committee on Ritual presented the following Recommendation :

The Committee on Ritual, jealous of the integrity of the Forms and Ceremonies, as well as the precision of language, in the Ritual, are ever watchful that no innovation shall be made on the time-honored service ; yet their attention has been called to the use of one word in the Ritual, on page 15, paragraph 3, line 5, which is liable to misconstruction and misinterpretation, that may be readily replaced by another, and the objection thus overcome ; they therefore recommend that the expression, "as honorable as the Christian faith," be replaced by the words, "as honorable as the faith of our fathers."

CHARLES T. MCCLENACHAN,
GEORGE W. MILLAR,
CYRUS W. EATON,

Committee.

On motion, the Recommendation was received, and adopted.

NEXT ANNUAL SESSION.

The Committee on Place for the next Annual Session offered the following Report :



OUR Committee on selecting place for next Annual Meeting recommend that the next Annual Session of the Imperial Council be held at the City of Detroit, Mich., in the month of June, 1888, notification of the date thereof to be given by the Most Illustrious Imperial Potentate.

Respectfully submitted,

JOSEPH B. EAKINS,
THOMAS J. HUDSON,
CHARLES H. FLACH,

Committee.

On motion, the Report was received.

Noble WILLIAM B. MELISH moved to amend by making the place of meeting Niagara Falls.

The amendment was carried, and the Report as amended was, on motion, adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON DISPENSATIONS AND CHARTERS.



N Dispensations and Charters, the Committee presented the following Report :

OASIS OF INDIANAPOLIS, June 20, 1887.

To the Imperial Potentate and Members of the Imperial Council :

Your Committee on Dispensations and Charters most respectfully report and recommend that Charters be granted to the following Temples, at present under dispensation :

ABDALLAH TEMPLE, of Leavenworth, Kansas.

ISIS TEMPLE, of Salina, Kansas.

ACCA TEMPLE, of Richmond, Va.

OSIRIS TEMPLE, of Wheeling, West Va.

We would further recommend that

JERUSALEM TEMPLE, New Orleans,

RAMESES TEMPLE, Toronto, Canada,

HELLA TEMPLE, Dallas, Texas,

BALLUT ABYAD TEMPLE, Albuquerque, New Mexico,

be continued under dispensation for another year.

We would further recommend that no Charter be granted to SALTANAT TEMPLE, of London, Ontario, and that their dispensation be recalled.

And whereas, your Committee has received from the Imperial Potentate a petition from Nobles residing in the City of Brooklyn, N. Y., asking that necessary permission be granted to organize and establish a Temple in their city, we therefore would respectfully recommend that a Charter be granted.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

JOHN T. BRUSH,
RICHARD P. MARVIN, JR.,
JAMES H. THOMPSON,
Committee.

On motion, the Report was received, and the subjects and recommendations were ordered to be taken up *seriatim*.

Each subject of the Report was separately read, considered, and, on motions severally made, Charters were granted to

ABDALLAH TEMPLE,
ISIS TEMPLE,
ACCA TEMPLE,
OSIRIS TEMPLE,

and the Dispensations of the following Temples were ordered to be continued for the ensuing year :

JERUSALEM TEMPLE,
RAMESES TEMPLE,
HELLA TEMPLE,
BALLUT ABYAD TEMPLE.

Also, it was ordered that no Charter be granted to SALTANAT TEMPLE, and that its Dispensation be recalled.

The recommendation of the Committee to grant a Charter to petitioners from Brooklyn was then considered, and after some discussion was, on motion, adopted.

Discussion ensued as to the regularity of the procedure, and, on motion, the adoption of the recommendation was reconsidered.

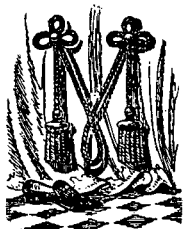
On motion, the entire subject was referred back to the Committee for further consideration, to be made the special matter for action after a short recess.

INVITATION TO MURAT TEMPLE.

The following invitation to witness the Ceremonies by Murat Temple was read, and accepted :

OASIS OF INDIANAPOLIS, June 20, 1887.

To the Imperial Potentate and Members of the Imperial Council :



MURAT Temple desires to extend an invitation to the Members of this Imperial Council, and to all Nobles sojourning within our Oasis, to witness the exemplification of the Oriental Ritual, at the rooms of their Temple at 6:30 this afternoon; and, if this invitation be accepted, that the Council and Nobility be requested to meet at the New Denison Hotel, at 6 P. M., and, under the escort of our Reception Committee, march to Murat Temple for this purpose.

Faithfully,

JOHN T. BRUSH,
Potentate.

RECESS.

On motion, a short recess was here taken, after which the Session was resumed.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON JURISPRUDENCE AND LAWS.



THE Committee on Jurisprudence and Laws presented the following Report :

INDIANAPOLIS, June 20, 1887.

To the Imperial Council, etc. :

Your Committee on Jurisprudence and Laws beg to report in relation to Preamble and Resolutions offered by Noble WILLIAM B. MELISH, at the Session of 1886, as appears on page 46 of the printed Proceedings, and recommend that the same be adopted. The Preamble and Resolutions read as follows :

“Whereas, In States where Temples of our Order have been established there is no necessity for a Deputy to further the interests of the Order; therefore be it

“Resolved, That no Deputies of this Imperial Council shall be appointed in States or Territories already occupied by Temples of the Order, except in the case of special appointment by the Imperial Potentate, or other legally constituted authority of the Imperial Council.

“Be it further Resolved, That the Dispensations of the various Deputies heretofore appointed shall be, and are hereby, revoked; and that the

Imperial Recorder shall notify said Deputies of this action, and see that they make a return of Rituals now in their possession."

We recommend the adoption of the Resolution offered by Noble JOHN A. MAY, as it appears on page 46 of the 1886 Proceedings, inserting the word "Temple" in the Resolution in the place of "Deputy," and making it read as follows:

"Resolved, That no Temple, Grand Potentate, or other officer, now or hereafter having power and authority to confer the Order, shall confer or initiate any person into this Order for a less sum than twenty-five dollars."

We recommend the adoption of the Resolution offered by Noble GEORGE W. MILLAR, as it appears on page 47 of the Proceedings of 1886, to wit:

"Resolved, That, in the titles of the Officers of the Imperial Council, the word 'Grand' be stricken out, and the word 'Imperial' be substituted therefor."

In relation to the Amendment offered by Noble HENRY E. HOSLEY, regarding the number of black balls necessary to reject an applicant, we ask that the consideration of the matter be carried over until the next Session of this Body.

In view of the many amendments to the Constitution and By-Laws introduced at this Session, your Committee suggest that the entire code of Statutes and Regulations be submitted to the Committee for consideration *ad interim*, and with authority to present the same for adoption at the next Session of the Imperial Council, all changes suggested by the Committee to have the same force as if severally presented at this Session; the recodification of the Statutes and Regulations to be printed at the expense of the Imperial Council, in sufficient number to mail a copy to each Member of the Imperial Council, and each Temple subordinate thereto, said copies to be mailed with the official call for the next Session of this Body.

CHARLES T. McCLENACHAN,
WILLIAM B. MELISH,
HENRY E. HOSLEY,
Committee.

On motion, the Report was received, with an amendment that the Revised Statutes be sent out to all at least thirty days prior to the next Annual Session, and the recommendations were severally adopted.

TITLES OF SUBORDINATE TEMPLES.

Noble WILLIAM H. MAYO offered the following Resolution:

Resolved, That the word "Grand" be stricken out from the title of the presiding officer of Subordinate Temples.

On motion, the Resolution was received, and referred to the Committee on Ritual and the Committee on Jurisprudence and Laws.

THE FEZ AND ITS COLOR.

On motion of Noble BENJAMIN W. BROWNE, it was—

Resolved, That the determination of the color or colors of the Fez, and by whom to be worn, be referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence and Laws, to report at the next Annual Session.

ACTIVE MEMBERS ELECTED.

By regular nomination and due ballot the following Nobles were elected Active Members of the Imperial Council, filling the three vacancies:

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|-----|---------------------------|----------------|
| 47. | Noble PRESTON BELVIN..... | Virginia. |
| 48. | “ EDWARD C. CULP..... | Kansas. |
| 49. | “ MATTHEW R. WOLFF..... | West Virginia. |

MILEAGE TO THE NEW ACTIVE MEMBERS.

On motion of Noble HENRY E. HOSLEY, it was—

Resolved, That the newly elected Active Members be allowed the same mileage as those who came to-day.

NOTIFICATION OF AMENDMENTS TO TEMPLES.

On motion of Noble JOSEPH S. WRIGHT, it was—

Resolved, That a Circular shall be issued, by July 1, by the Imperial Recorder, to the Ill. Grand Potentates of the several Temples throughout the Jurisdiction, containing the several Amendments to the Statutes and Regulations of the Imperial Council, and ordering the said Grand Potentates to send the Imperial Recorder an acknowledgment of the receipt of the same.

CANDIDATES OF ILLEGITIMATE SCOTTISH RITE BODIES.

Noble GEORGE P. BALMAIN presented the following Resolutions:

Whereas, The Imperial Council, A. A. O. N. M. S., has declared by resolution that the only Supreme Councils of the A. A. Scottish Rite recognized by this Body are those of the Northern and Southern Masonic Jurisdictions of the United States of America, and the Supreme Councils in amity with them. Therefore be it

Resolved. That it shall be an offence against the Order for any Temple or Potentate to confer the Order of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine upon any one known to be a member of a Scottish Rite body not recognized by this Imperial Council as legitimate.

Resolved, That the Imperial Recorder be instructed to notify all Temples subordinate to this Imperial Council of this action within thirty days from the date of this Session.

On motion, the Resolutions were received, and referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence and Laws.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON DISPENSATIONS AND CHARTERS.



OMMITTEE on Dispositions and Charters presented the following majority and minority Reports :

Majority Report.

To the Imperial Potentate and Members of the Imperial Council :

Your Committee, to whom was recommitted the matter of the Petition from the Nobles from Brooklyn for a Temple in that City, report that they have heard the arguments from the members of Mecca, from New York, and from the Nobles from Brooklyn. And whereas, the members from New York gave assurance that, if a Dispensation was asked for in a regular manner at its next Regular Meeting in July, it would receive their sanction, we feel that, for the sake of harmony and the good of the Order, it would be better for this Imperial Council to refer the Application back to the Nobles from Brooklyn for their further action.

And your Committee would recommend that the several petitioners be requested to make application for Dispensation in the regular manner.

JOHN T. BRUSH,

JAMES H. THOMPSON,

Of Committee.

Minority Report.

I believe the matter is properly before the Imperial Council, and that it should decide whether or not a Charter should be granted.

RICHARD P. MARVIN, JR.,

Of Committee.

A motion to adopt the Minority Report was lost.

On motion, the Majority Report was adopted.

AMOUNT DUE BY PAST IMPERIAL POTENTATE.

On motion of Noble EDWARD B. JORDAN, it was—

Resolved, That the Committee on Finance notify the Past Imperial Potentate that the amount due by him to the Imperial Council be paid forthwith.

THANKS TO MURAT TEMPLE.

On motion of Noble WILLIAM RYAN, it was—

Resolved, That the thanks of the Imperial Council be tendered to Murat Temple, of Indianapolis for the courtesies extended on this occasion.



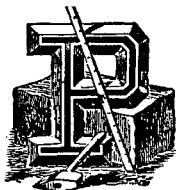
IN MEMORIAM.

CHERIF PASHA,

Of Cairo, Egypt.

On the 25th day of the Arabic Month Rajab, 1304, answering to
April 19th, 1887. Aged 68 years.

NOBILITY OF THE MYSTIC SHRINE.



ROCLAMATION Emanating from the Congress,
Imperial Council, Ancient Arabic Order, Nobles of
the Mystic Shrine, United States of America.

*To all Illustrrious Grand Potentates, Rabbans, and
Noble Shareefs throughout the Jurisdiction of the
Western Hemisphere:*

Affliction!—Distress!—Sorrow!

Illustrious Noble Cherif Pasha, Grand Sheik of Cairo Temple, Egypt,
under the domain of the Crescent, is dead.

This renowned Shareef of the Order Bektasheeyeh, or Mystic Shrine,
Minister of the Interior, and Grand Officer of the Legion of Honor, is
officially announced departed to the Unseen Temple.

You are hereby commanded, Imperial and subordinate, for the full
term of the next three Crescent moons, after this mandate, within the
Mystic Sanctuaries of the Shrine, in accordance with the ancient
Oriental custom, to drape your altars and tombs with the insignia of
mourning, and let the symbolic funereal Urn be placed upon the sacred
Black Stone, there to exhale incense during all ceremonies, and each
and all of you to wear the customary emblems of mourning for the
required term. Also, inscribe upon your Temple Records notice of the
same. Executive action will also be taken at the annual session of the
Imperial Council, at Indianapolis, Ind., on the 20th of June next.

In obedience to supreme decree.

WALTER M. FLEMING,

*Past Imperial Potentate,
and Chief Executive of Imperial Directory.*

WILLIAM S. PATERSON,

Imperial Recorder.

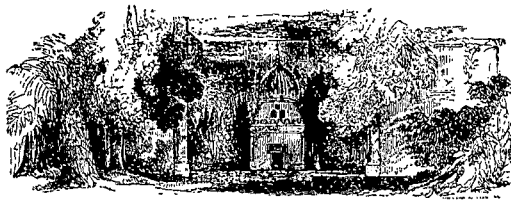
ENTERED THE UNSEEN TEMPLE.

1886.

CAMPBELL, GEORGE W.....	SYRIAN TEMPLE.	
CLYDE, WILLIAM.....	MECCA	"
COZZENS, GORTON P.....	ORIENTAL	"
DE SILVER, THOMAS H.....	SYRIA	"
DONALDSON, JAMES.....	LU LU	"
DOWLING, THOMAS.....	MEDINAH	"
DOWNEY, ROBERT.....	MECCA	"
GOSS, EDWARD S.....	MECCA	"
HAVEMEYER, HENRY.....	MECCA	"
HYDE, W. R.....	ORIENTAL	"
JOHNSON, P. C. L.....	MEDINAH	"
JOUENTHIEFF, GOTLEIB.....	BOUMI	"
KOONZ, EDWARD CLINE...	CYPRUS	"
MARTIN, N. K.....	MEDINAH	"
MERRITT, WILLIAM M.....	TRIPOLI	"
MILNE, JAMES A.....	ZIYARA	"
NOURSE, BENJAMIN F.....	ALEPPO	"
OLIVER, HENRY F.....	MEDINAH	"
PARKER, W. W.....	AL KORAN	"
PFUFF, WILLIAM C.....	ALEPPO	"
PLYMPTON, GEORGE S.....	MECCA	"
SHAFFER, JOHN B.....	MECCA	"
SHAW, ALFRED, G. P.....	JERUSALEM	"
THOMSON, CHARLES H. (See Proc. 1886, p. 66),	MECCA	"
TRULL, EZRA J.....	ALEPPO	"

GLORY TO HIM

WHO TRANSPORTED HIS SERVANT TO THE UNSEEN TEMPLE !



BENJAMIN PERLEY POORE.



OBLE BEN: PERLEY POORE was born in Newburyport, Mass., June 17, 1820, and educated in the schools of his native town, and graduated at Harvard College.

His father was a Freemason of the old school, and believed in training up his son to do his Masonic duty, which was begun in St. John's Lodge, Newburyport, in 1842.

While he was editing the *Boston Daily and Weekly Bee* he became a Royal Arch, and in 1858, in Paris, France, in company with this writer, was made a member of the four Scottish Rite bodies, through the friendly services of Grand Secretary Thevenot. His elevation to the 33° was nobly earned and gracefully received.

In 1860 he was made an honorary member of the Supreme Council for the Southern Jurisdiction of the United States, and soon after Grand Representative near that Council of the Supreme Council for the Northern Jurisdiction, at Washington, where he resided the greater part of his active literary life, near his friend and chief, the General, Poet, and S. G. Commander, Albert Pike.

He was made by Congress the editor of the *Congressional Record*, a post which he honorably filled for more than a quarter of a century.

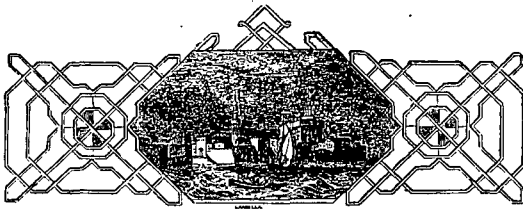
He wrote biographies of nearly every Senator, Representative, and member of the Cabinet, and of many others in public and private life, which were marked by careful research, able analysis, and a clear insight into character. His pen was never caustic, but flowed with a true spirit of love and brotherly kindness. It is probable that he had no enemies, and sure that his friends and well wishers were countless, for he was from childhood always employed in public service of some kind.

He was made a Noble of the Mystic Shrine January 20, 1887, in Almas Temple, Washington, D. C. His appreciation of the aims and methods of the Order were frequently expressed in warm terms.

He was a firm believer in a continuous existence after this world is ended. On May 29th last, he entered the Unseen Temple. He lost by death his only children, two daughters, a few years since, but his wife survives.

A true man and Mason and Noble, he is worthy of our memories.

ALBERT L. RAWSON.



FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE.

MALTA, MEDITERRANEAN SEA, 13 May, 1887.

To Ill.: SAM BRIGGS, *Imperial Potentate, Nobles of the Mystic Shrine,*
U. S. A.:



SEALS IN WAX ON LETTER.

OST FAITHFUL AND EXCELLENT
NOBLE, "*Es Selamu Aleikum.*"
Accept these, my greetings. May
you never know grief.

Bismillah!

Since my last annual report of Shrine matters in the Countries bordering on this great Sea, much has happened, which, if I could commit to writing, would afford you, and your American associates, food for the liveliest feelings of satisfaction and congratulation. But, as you know, I may not *write* of certain things; the birds can sing of them in the air, and the date-palm may whisper the secrets to ten thousand ears, but the papyrus must not contain their inscribed recital.

Allah il Allah is enough to know with all that it implies to the Faithful, whether they dwell in

the shadow of the Rockies, or dream on the borders of the lordly Nile. *Allah il Allah* is the ever swelling anthem of humanity, and *Es Selamu Aleikum* the grand and sonorous Amen.

“Turn, turn my wheel ! the human race
 Of every tongue, of every place
 Caucasian, Coptic, or Malay,
 All that inhabit this great Earth,
 Whatever be their rank or birth,
 Are kindred, and allied by birth,
 And made of the same Clay.”

Of this, however, remain assured : The Ancient Arabic Order of the Mystic Shrine throughout the East, not only holds its own firmly, but is extending its influence grandly with increased wealth, social power, and mental strength, wherever its beneficent standard has been displayed. It is a living and powerful force in the economy of human life and social existence.

None have ever recanted, or weakened in their allegiance, who have ever bowed before the Altar in the Mystic Circle, and no faithful Noble ever can. Only an entrance to the mysterious Unseen Temple can loosen the golden tie that binds him in happy bondage to our mundane Shrine; and even then the sacred cord is not broken ; it is simply stretched in its faith elastic until its ends touch at, and reach from an earthly Medinah to a heavenly Mecca.

All throughout the East, education, enlightenment, and a wise charity in thought and deed prevail wherever the Shrine flourishes. This result alone is “victory enough.” Thousands of the followers of Mohammed re-echo the sentiment of the divine Shakespeare : “ There is no darkness but ignorance.”

How pregnant with meaning is that eloquent Moslem injunction, “ It is better to pray than to sleep ! ”

His Excellency Raafat Pasha, the General in Command of the Fifth Corps of the Turkish Army at Damascus, whom I met at Jaffa, while he was performing the duty to which he had been assigned by the Sultan, attending H. R. H. the Prince of Naples during his journey through the Holy Land, informed me that the Damascus Shrine had done more effectual service in wiping out blood feuds, and healing long existing quarrels between the tribes of Syria, than any other exerted influence for years.

Men, whose families and tribes had been bitter enemies for generations, were brought into fraternal relations through the Arab vow, which they had assumed under the peaceful influence of the Shrine.

Raafat Pasha voiced what, in fact, we in our Shrines so well and thankfully know, that the choicest friendships are discovered and perpetuated in our Order. Of all brotherhoods, ours, perhaps, can most truthfully attest the sweetness of Hamlet's advice :

“The friends thou hast, and their adoption tried,
 Grapple them to thy soul with hoops of steel.”

Statistics are, proverbially, dry reading, but allow me, in this report, to recite things of incident relating to Shrine matters in these parts, rather than to diffuse in cold but showy figures our substantial and established growth and stability. There have been drawbacks and interruptions in places, particularly in the Northeastern Mediterranean, during the last year, where, owing to political and diplomatic troubles in the Balkan States, and farther East, where things looked very much like war more than once, the Shrines, while meeting regularly, had, and still have, to do so with great secrecy—hardly ever meeting twice consecutively in the same place, as some of the Governments are not favorably inclined toward secret societies.

When in Cairo last, I met Sheikh Mohamed El Banna, whom the Khedive had just appointed Grand Mufti. After having been invested with his new title the jolly Sheikh repaired to a Café most frequented by Egyptian Shriners, where I joined him in a Sherbet. (There are Sherbets and Sherbets, O most worthy Potentate, even for a faithful Mohammedan who don't drink wine!) While smoking a hubble-bubble, the Grand Mufti told me of Ghazi Mukhtar Pasha's elevation to the Grand Potentateship of the Alexandria Shrine. This is a capital selection, for Mukhtar Pasha is an enthusiast with a level head, in the cause, and will keep the Alexandria Shriners up to their best endeavor. He is a glorious-good fellow, always frank, just, and reliable :

“ His heart and hand, both open, and both free ;
For what he has he gives, what thinks he shows.”

Sheikh Mohamed also related this rather romantic incident :

A Turkish lady, who fought in the last Turco-Russian war in Ghazi Mukhtar Pasha's command with the rank of Captain, and whose sex was only discovered on her being wounded in action, has arrived at Cairo with her husband to pay her respects to her old commander, whose guest she is at present. After the war she married and settled down at Mecca, where her husband is Chief Rabban of the great Shrine there. Her life was once saved by an enemy who noticed the tiger's claws she wore in her man's *kamar*. She wore the claws in ignorance of their mystic significance !

And here is another of his picturesque stories of facts : He said, when he was in Aleppo a fortnight previous, two Mussulman ladies living in the same house at Aleppo gave birth at almost the same time to a son each, and were attended by the same midwife. The infants were handled by the many lady friends who called, to such an extent that things got rather mixed, and neither of the mothers know now which is her offspring, and the matter has had to be referred to the Cadi, who is about to issue a fetwa on the subject. The Sheikh seemed immensely

amused that the *fetwa* was to be resorted to, for he said he issued one himself once, with the result that half the women in his province became his enemies, and all the men.

Among the quotations used by Mohamed in the course of our talk were these, which I took down as being, at least, quaint. The first was an Oriental Proverb: "One leads a horse by the bridle, an elephant by his rope, a woman by her heart." The second was from the Koran: "It is necessary to have at least four wives in order to find one in good health and gentle humor."

I saw our good friend Cherif Pasha just prior to his leaving Egypt in search of restored health. He was looking very ill then, but spoke hopefully of himself, and especially of our Order. Soon after, his dead body was brought back to his native land. One hundred and fifty thousand people were at his funeral. The *Egyptian Gazette* said:

"The emotions produced by the death of this great citizen, on whose services his country had a right to rely, will gradually die out. But the tomb which has now closed is not destined to oblivion, for the stainless name of Cherif Pasha will be remembered by the younger generation of Egyptians, for whom Cherif Pasha will remain an object of admiration, as well as an example of honor and integrity worthy of imitation."

Your Imperial Council did well to honor this Noble's memory. His tomb will be a precious and sacred one to Shriners of the whole world.

"Such graves as his are pilgrim shrines,
Shrines to no code or creed confined;
The Delphian vales, the Palestines,
The Meccas of the mind."

Another Eastern Noble, whose life was full of promise, has also entered the Unseen Temple since my last report. Bechir Fuad Bey committed suicide at Constantinople. He was a celebrated Turkish writer, although only 32 years of age. A brother Noble in Constantinople writes me the following particulars of his tragic ending:

"The unfortunate gentleman appears to have gone to work very deliberately. He first wrote letters to the police, and to some of his acquaintances stating he would be found dead, killed by his own hand, and laid them on a table in his room. He then undressed himself, and introduced a fluid into the veins of his left hand in order to ease his sufferings; he then cut into those veins in four places with a pair of scissors, and as his blood was ebbing away from him he committed to paper his impressions in the following terms: 'I have completed my operation, and felt but little pain; after I had lost some blood, and while I was writing, my sister came into the room, but I sent her out, telling

her that I was engaged. I found with great pleasure that she noticed nothing unusual, and left my room. I cannot imagine a sweeter death than mine. I just raised my hand now in order to bring about a more abundant flow of blood, this caused a swimming in the head, which brought about —’

“Here the story was brought to an abrupt conclusion, and the unfortunate man appears to have fallen to the ground, for he cried for assistance, and several people rushed into his room immediately his cries were heard, among whom was Dr. Nafez Bey, who found him in his last agonies. Bechir Fuad Bey told the doctor not to trouble himself, as he had only five minutes to live, and expired almost immediately afterward.

“No reason can be assigned for the rash act, but in his letters to his friends he said that his mother had died insane, that a similar fate awaited him, and that consequently he had spent the whole of his private fortune, which amounted to £20,000. The remains were subsequently interred by his fellow citizens, among whom were several members of the Ancient Arabic Order. Alas, how true it is that

‘They that stand high have many blasts to shake them ;
And if they fall, they dash themselves to pieces.’”

When in Cairo, I was present at the laying of the foundation stone of Iman-el-Chafei Mosque by His Highness the Khedive. He was attended by Khairy Pasha. There were also present on the occasion Ghazi Mukhtar Pasha, attended by Arif Bey, several of the Ministers, and many Ulemahs and native Notables.

The proceedings commenced with the delivery of an eloquent oration by Sheikh Selim Omar el Kalawi, in which he praised His Highness for the efforts he constantly made to maintain the ancient splendor and glory of the Mussulman religion. The Khedive, Mukhtar Pasha, and some of the distinguished personages then wrote their names on the skin of a gazelle which had been prepared for the purpose ; this was then placed in a zinc box, which was deposited in the foundations ; a silver trowel was then handed to His Highness, who laid the first stone and made the customary declaration that it was “well and truly laid.”

A Shrine has been started in Limassol, Cyprus. Sulieman Hussein is the Grand Potentate.

In Syria the Order is quietly but steadily improving. Its moral influence for good is incalculable with the Syrians.

An earthquake occurred during a Shrine meeting in the Balearic Islands, loosening a hair suspended sword, which fell and pierced the shoulder of a candidate. The Grand Potentate was precipitated from his throne, and many of the furnishings overthrown.

In the Barbary States the Shrine adds large numbers monthly to its already long roll of Nobles—“and every new man is a goodman.”

It has been for simplicity's sake, and because their objects and aims are of similar import, that I have always spoken of the different branches of our Order as the "Mystic Shrine." Do not let this mislead any American Noble. If he has read the history of the Order thoroughly he will be informed of the fact that the *Bektash* (as it is known in all the prominent cities of Oriental Europe) is only another title for the Shrine. The "Crescent Shrine," the "Order of the Crescent," the "Sanctuarus of the Crescent," the "Moslem Shrine," the "Islam Sanctuarus," the "Holies of the Kaaba," the "Crypts," the "Cloisters of Islam," the "Secret Vaults of the Crescent," the "Legendary Chambers of the Arabic Shrine," the "Sanctuarus of the Prophets," the "Sanctuarus of the Shareefs," etc., are all but bits of mosaic that go to make up the jewelled grand dome of our all-covering A. A. O. N. M. S. In the classic Isles of Greece one never finds a "Shrine," but the "Bektash." We, in America, call ourselves "Nobles of the Mystic Shrine," and with perfect propriety; but, after all, that title is an Americanized one. National custom has established local titles, *and all are authentic.* The "Arab vow" breathes the same well-nigh holy spirit in all Shrines, whatsoever their designations. As the "Imperial" Fleming has said, "We pay homage to all learning, whether the occult of India or the fascinating legendary lore of the Orient. All leads to the one great theme, *the Oriental Shrine.*"

The amazing progress and success of the Shrine in America is a never-ending topic of surprise and delight with our Eastern brothers. Copies of the "Annual Proceedings of the Imperial Council for the United States" are in the possession of nearly every Shrine within my jurisdiction—the Twelfth Annual being in special demand, and it has been translated into Arabic by the wealthy Tunisian Nobles.

The glorious St. Louis gathering, on the occasion of the establishment of Moolah Temple, and the lustre shed by the open-handed Nobles of "Medinah" of Chicago, have merited the applause of the Nobility in my jurisdiction to whom an account has been sent, and loud are my associates in the praise of Imperial Chief Rabban Thompson and his tribe for their zeal displayed.

The royal progress of the Imperial Potentate and Council, under the escort of Mecca Temple to Washington and Richmond in January last, has been regarded as giving abundant evidence of the popularity of the Order in the New World. The open handed hospitality extended by the Potentates Pratt of Washington and Belvin of Richmond, and their associates, is looked upon as giving a distant view of the pomps and pageants extended to the rulers of the East.

The various pilgrimages undertaken at other times are all read of here with great interest. The visit of Mecca to Troy, of Al Koran to Grand Rapids, and the extended festivities at both places, are regarded by the Oriental mind as evidence of the widespread appreciation of the

rite, and among the names often mentioned at my many visits to the Shrine Oases are those of the social McGee, genial Eakins, eloquent Thompson, the scholarly Paterson, fervent Fleming, zealous Heyzer, thoughtful McClenachan, and learned Rawson of New York, as well as your present Imperial Potentate Briggs, of Cleveland, and his associates of the Temple Al Koran, with both Melish and Millar of the Imperial Directory, all of whom are much appreciated for their works, as well as the name of the Apostle of the Shrine in America, Illustrious Noble William J. Florence, of pleasant memory.

I have already reported to you the *visé* of the "passports" of the American Nobles who touched at Malta *en route* East. I have likewise reported in detail the gift of Oriental arms presented by Hamet Ben Hassen of Fez, Morocco, to Mecca Temple, New York.

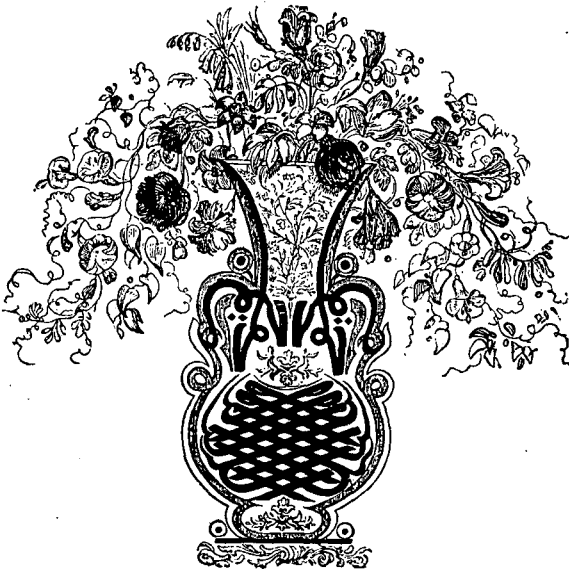
Again, O Illustrious Imperial Potentate, I say to you *Es Selamu Aleikum*, and in the name of the Merciful, the Compassionate, adieu. May you never know grief.

Faithfully Yours,

JOHN WORTHINGTON,

*Deputy and Representative of the Imperial Council,
At Malta, Mediterranean Sea.*

[SEAL.]



ما نريد سافر في حل الهار * صغير الامور *

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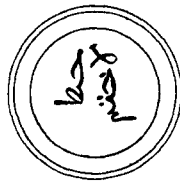
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الحكمة حيد من ادوات الكرب اعطى ساسا لم اعطى لهم ان لا يخجلوا

By the grace of Allah we have found repose.	MOHAMMED Travelled from Mecca in the South to the North in Medinah.	Politeness is Small Silver.
Please Allah, we shall travel everywhere in safety.		
Everything is from Allah : There is no deity but Allah !	Malta, Mediterranean Sea, A. H. 13 In the Name of Allah, Merciful, Compassionate ! I desire to visit a Temple or Shrine in many Cities.	
ILLUSTRIOUS NOBLE	He comes from	
Keep thy tongue when thou visit the Temple or Shrine, and be more ready to hear than to give the sacrifice of fools ; for they consider not that they do mischief.	He is a man, good, patient, cultured, and of sterling worth.	
	THERE IS NO CONQUEROR BUT ALLAH !	
Authorized	with power by the Imperial Council, Ancient Arabic Order, Nobles of the Mystic Shrine.	
Witness	the Deputy and Representative of Temples in the East.	
Put this Letter in your Pocket	Undoubted Signature of the Deputy.	
Action is Power.	Learning comes by Perseverance and Travel. Wisdom is better than weapons of war to give safety.	Travel with your eyes and ears open.



THE MYSTIC SHRINE IN FEZ.

MALTA, MEDITERRANEAN SEA,
March 15, 1887.

A. L. RAWSON,

My Dear Shareef and Munshee:



URING the past few years that I have had the honor and pleasure of representing Mystic Shrines in this part of the Orient many inquiries have been made of me by visiting Nobles, and a great many more through the mail, as to the proper head-dress for use by a Noble in the Temple and in public during the celebration of any stated festival. Not being able to learn definitely what was necessary at this place, although we have a number of learned Mohammedans here, I sent a letter of inquiry to the ancient and formerly very holy city of Fez in Morocco. That name should be spelled Fas, for that is what the Imam here says it is, the Holy City Fas, from which the red cap was named. I inclose the answer, which is said to be in the Maugribee (western) dialect of Arabic, and exhibits to a considerable degree scholarship (Arabic, *aref*) and travel. There is a young Moslem here

I named Ahmet Ibn Al Keef, who was born in Fez, and lived there until he was 15 years old, when he made the pilgrimage to Mekkah as a companion to the governor of that city, from whom he parted company, on the return journey here, by the governor's permission, who says that he has often heard his father say that the red cap was for centuries the staple manufacture of the city, being made and sold in vast quantities. It was this young Arab who suggested my letter of inquiry. In our day these wool caps are made of white wool and shaped in Germany, Austria, and elsewhere, and sent to the Turkish dominions, where they are dyed red. The Arab dyers keep the secret of using scarlet in dyeing wool, for their goods never fade, while the imitations almost always lose their color. But here is the letter.

Translation.

IN THE NAME OF ALLAH, COMPASSIONATE, MERCIFUL.

To His Excellency the Cid, Consul for the United States of North America, American born, dwelling in the City of Valetta in the Island of Malta, Greeting :

I have had the honor and pleasure of receiving from the hands and by the courtesy of the Imam of Mequinez, who was returning from Tangiers, a letter from your lordship, inquiring about the head-dress of the faithful. To this I take pleasure in forwarding in writing such information as is now in my keeping.

The City of Fez (correctly written Fas) was founded by Shareef Edris II., A. H. 195 (A. D. 793), and was an independent State until A. H. 956 (A. D. 1548), when it was absorbed by Morocco. When pilgrimages to Mekkah were interrupted by the Christian warriors in the fourth century A. H. (A. D. 980), the Mohammedans west of the Nile journeyed to Fez, as to a Holy City, and to this day no one but the faithful to Allah is permitted to enter the city proper without special permission from the authorities. Fez early became a seat of learning, drawing pupils and scholars from all parts of the Mohammedan world. Its manufactures were important from the first, and included jewelry, gold and silver cloth, silks, gauzes, sashes, carpets, head-dresses (haik), and tarbooshes, which were soon known as fezzes, so named from this city. Caravans carried the goods in every direction, even as far as Timbuctoo in the south. The fez was dyed scarlet for the use of the students in the many colleges, but as it became a mark of learning in favor of the wearer it gradually displaced all other forms and colors, and became the peculiar head-dress of the Moslem in all parts of the empire. The Turkish name is Kalpak. Arabs also call it Beritha, Bernetta, and Shemreer, but the classic term is Enameh. Some of the Maugreebs use the name terbanti, and it is from that that Spanish, French, and other Europeans (giaours) came to call it turban. Red or scarlet is the only orthodox color for the fez, while the outer covering may be of any color or combination of colors, according to the rank or dignity of the wearer.

The custom of the various sects of dervishes is to adopt a certain form and color of head-dress, which may or may not include the fez, with or without an outer wrap. There is in this city, in the White district, or New City, a company of the faithful who say they are Shareefs, and descendants in a direct line from Mohammed (Allah favor and preserve him). The head of that body is learned in all things established by the Prophet (whose name be praised), and, if your associates are of the same Order in the faith, he would gladly give you every information desired. His honored and respected name is Mahmood Ben Hassan Al Haj.

A white cotton cap is worn inside of the fez as a protection to it from perspiration, and the various oily dressings of the head in the barber shop. This cap is called Takeeyeh, and is sometimes stitched in a very ornate style.

When the fez is covered by cloth of different colors as a means of distinguishing various orders and classes in society, the imam affects a very large white turban, and the student of theology or law a smaller one; the doctor, one of figured muslin, made very formal in front by crossing the folds carefully; the merchant, a small white or figured wrap, or a cashmere shawl, not too large; and Jews are required to use blue only or none.

Many families in the early years of Mohammedan rule adopted a certain color and style of turban, or emameh, which has been continued by their descendants to the present. The descendants of Mohammed chose green as the color for Shareefs. (If any wrap is used about the fez in the Temple, it should, according to this account, be green.—J. W.) In A. H. 778 (A. D. 1376), Shareefs were ordered to wear dresses of green also. Now only Shareefs of undoubted pedigree are permitted to wear green, while all others of the faithful must earn the privilege by a pilgrimage to the Kaabah and the Holy Hill Arafat.

Workmen wear white, gray, brown, any color except green or blue, but of very small size.

Ornaments are proper only for persons of rank and dignity, in the service of the government, or professors of science or art.

I hope to have the honor of a letter from you at some future day not far off.

Beginning of Awwal 1304 A. H. (Nov. 1886.)

This is written at Fez by my desire and according to my intention.

HOSAYN IBN BEZZAN.

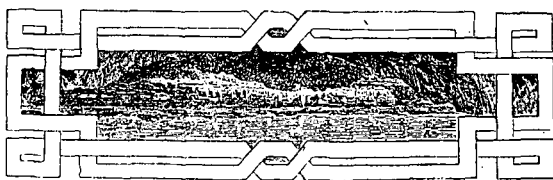
I wrote to our brother and Noble Hassan Al Haj, and up to this time have not received an answer. That this to me very interesting letter, from that little known corner of the world, may prove interesting to the Shrine is the hope of

Yours in the Nobility of the Mystic Shrine,

JOHN WORTHINGTON,

*Deputy and Representative of Imperial Council,
At Malta, Mediterranean Sea.*





THE MYSTIC SHRINE IN DAMASCUS.

Letter from the Recorder of Temple Saladin.

Translation.

In the name of Allah, Merciful, Compassionate!

To the Illustrious Noble, the Excellent in Devices of Genius, the Highly Honored and Exalted, Most Imperial Potentate, Nobles of the Mystic Shrine for the United States of North America, namely, Noble SAM BRIGGS, residing in the City of Cleveland, Greeting:



HIS my first report to you of the progress of the Shrine in Damascus was delayed a month because of my work on the annual statement of the condition of all Mystic Shrines in Syria, which I was required to forward to our Sublime Shareef at Mekkah, Arabia, so that it might arrive there before the middle of Shaaban (May), when preparations are to be completed for the Great Feast of Ramadan. You may not have been advised that I have been employed during the ten years just past as Kateeb (Secretary) by one of the high officials of the Walee of this Pashalik, and therefore have only an hour now and then for the records and correspondence of the Shrine.



We have made great progress both in the numbers and in the morale (el adeb) of the Mystic Shrine since my last letter to you, in which it was unpleasant for me to admit that there was an element of discord among the Nobles. That element increased by the addition of a new source of discontent which will now be stated in brief.

There is a library and reading room at the house of the British Consul at Damascus, and the newspapers are especially welcome, because they keep us acquainted with the rest of the world. Some of our Nobles can read English, and our Potentate is quite a scholar in both English and French. At our meeting in Jamaz ul Awwal our Potentate electrified

the temple by reporting what he had read a few days before in a London Freemason's Journal, a part of a letter written by a Brother Norton, of Boston, U. S., North America, in which he attacked the Mystic Shrine, charging it with making a distinction in races, and discriminating against the Jews.

Our ancient records, more especially those of Aleppo. contain many allusions to this question, which had been brought up in the temple at that city, on account of some very rich Jews who were Nobles, and who made themselves obnoxious (Ar. kalfa, disagreeable), by seeking to rule the temple to suit themselves. The Potentate of that time was an Imam, and said, quoting the Koran, "The Prophet Mohammed (Allah favor and preserve him) said, as the mouthpiece of Allah (may His name be exalted), 'We gave the children of Israel to dwell in places full of delights and enriched them with the good things of earth' (Koran, c. x.). And also, 'Abraham was no Jew, nor Christian; he professed the unity of Allah; he was a true believer, and not of the number of infidels' (Koran, c. iii.v.)." He therefore decreed that all men of whatever race or nation or faith, if they acknowledge the unity of Allah, are worthy of His mercies, and the Mystic Shrine is one of His most priceless mercies and blessings. This ancient decision was accepted by a vote of our temple as the rule and guide in such matters.

Since a year ago until now we have initiated Nobles of various nations and faiths, and the Mystic Shrine is becoming the great harmonizer of peoples. It is a delight to stand near the entrance, and listen to the salutations given to the Nobles by the outer and inner guards before bending to hear the password. Ya Shayk to an aged Mooslim, ya efendee to a Turk, ya subee to a young merchant, ya shareef to a green turbaned descendant of the Prophet, ya Nusraanee to a Christian, ya mallim to a Jew, ya Kowajeh to an Englishman or American, ya Franjee to a Frenchman, ya Roomee to a Greek, are repeated several times, and others including Italian, Cypriote, Spanish, Persian Nobles, besides Mooslims from the far west (Maugrib), and to these titles of respect are always added the words of the welcome (ahla woo sahla), and the usual salute of Peace. I report this with joy in my heart and praise to Allah, that a common ground has been opened for assembling all true sons of Allah. In your free land, where religion and politics are divorced and both are the servants of the people and not the tools of despotic rulers, you cannot even imagine in your wildest dreams the evils of pride of race, of birth, and of power and riches. Praise be to Allah for toleration, friendship. and brotherly love, for there can be no true Nobility in their absence.

In the little known, region east of Esh Shawm (Damascus) there have lately been discovered a number of ruined monasteries, built in the early ages of Moslem rule in Syria, and in nearly all are collections of books in the ancient style of rolls of parchment or papyrus. Among

them are records of meetings of Shriners of those days. A part of the collection which was brought from El Diyura, a ruined monastery, is valuable as a record of the "work" of our ancient Brothers and Nobles in their temples. Many were initiated under the large tent of the Shayk, around which had been stationed a cordon of guards. The esoteric ritual was very brief, that is, if it was all written. Perhaps only a very small part was written, and the larger part entrusted to memory. Not one word of our ritual has ever been written, in obedience, as we believe, to the universal law of Freemasonry. Some of our Nobles now claim the right to have a written copy of the ritual, and a description of the work, for use in teaching newly elected officers, and a motion to that effect only lacked one vote of having a majority at our last meeting. It is feared that the writing any part of the ritual or description of the work would be a great danger to the security of the treasures of our Order.

I inclose a letter from Osman ben Kedia, Recorder of Temple Walee Jemel of Aleppo.

Thanks for Imperial Council Reports for 1886, received through the courtesy of the American Consul of Beirut.

Trusting in Allah that this letter will find you and all Nobles in accord with you in the enjoyment of health, I beg you to continue your courtesies as in former times.

Written according to my intentions.

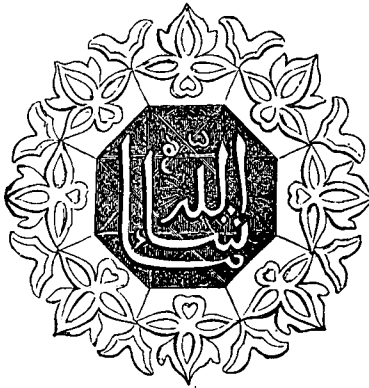
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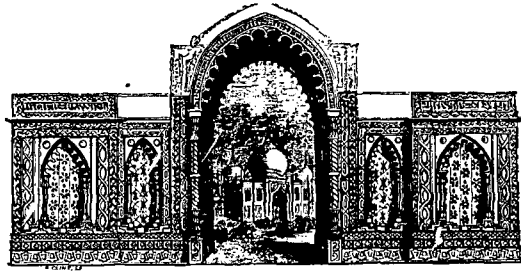
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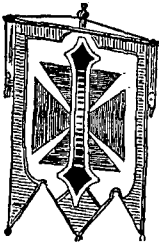
THE MYSTIC SHRINE IN ALEPPO.

Translation of Letter from Aleppo, Syria.

PRAISE BE TO ALLAH, THE ONLY DEITY.

I desire that this writing be handed to Illustrious Noble SAM BRIGGS, Most Imperial Grand Potentate, Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, for the United States of North America :

Salutation, Blessing, Prayers.



AM happy in being permitted, and directed by the Grand Potentate of Walee Jemel Temple of Haleb esh Shabha, to write to our Brothers and Nobles of the Western World some few words of friendly greeting. A few years since the Englishman, George Smith, archæologist, and a man very learned in antiquities, honored our temple by an application for initiation. He, with a party of assistants, also learned men, were on their way to visit the ruins of ancient cities on the river Euphrates, where in a former year he had read many fragments of books, the remains of the libraries of Ancient Assyria. The party remained in Haleb a month, resting, and examining ancient writings, of which there are many in this locality, for this is one of the most ancient cities of the world. Notice of the initiation was sent in advance, and we were favored by visiting Nobles from all the temples in Northern Syria. Soon after—only a few

days—our Brother and Noble Smith was removed to the Unseen Temple. We have placed on the walls of our temple a fitting memorial of his worth as a scholar and brother, a photograph of which is inclosed.

Translation of Inscription.)

TO

THE MEMORY OF NOBLE AND BROTHER

GEORGE SMITH.

Gentleman, Savant, learned in Science, in Antiquities. Ancient Inscriptions,
the early written characters of all people, of large heart and generous
hand, Englishman, meriting and receiving our honor and eulogy.

He has acquired great knowledge;
He instructed us with great labor and sacrifice.

(Erected) By the Nobles,

SHAWWAL 1300.

I have very sorrowful news to report. The Kalenderee Dervishes gathered a fund and bought a site for a temple, an old mosque which had been shaken down by an earthquake. Its materials were moved and more added, and a fine structure was put up, containing a large room covered by a lofty dome, two smaller rooms at the corners, each with its dome, and six little rooms with side windows. The general appearance was like the White Mosque on a small scale. It was supplied with running water from the public aqueduct. From the door of entrance we can look up to the ancient castle in the centre of the city and count the seven arches of its approach.

We had held but two or three meetings when the Shrine was notified that we had used materials that were government property, and that we must pay a good round sum of money or the new building would be confiscated, and the Shrine turned out. Our utmost endeavors of all kinds, backed by large presents to the powerful members of the government, have only secured us the use of the building one day in seven, and that Tuesday (Attalata), the Imam holding public services on all other days, including nights. What will be the end no one can tell.

In your free country you cannot conceive the many ways in which the government, or its officers, can rob and oppress its moneyed subjects, whether as individuals or in societies. As a forlorn hope we have made the Imam a Noble, and elected him G. P. this year, but have not yet obtained permission for Friday meetings. It is probable that more gold will obtain what we desire. Curiously enough we find in the ancient MS. from El Diyura there is a record of a seizure by the Sultan of a building used by the Kalenderee Shareefs, who had established a Shrine in honor of their patron saint Esh-Shayk el Bekree, and claimed to have one of the prayer carpets of that great Kaleef. The house and the carpet enriched the treasury of the Sultan's officials, probably, for in such cases barely a tithe, if anything, ever travels as far as Constantinople. So now history repeats its tales, and we are bled in the name of the Sultan, and His Sacred and Revered Majesty, the Eye of the Universe, is not

even aware of our existence. I often think what a happy life you must have, free as you are from the annoyances which spring from the avarice and greed of underling officials.

I have been told that an original MS. of the famous scholar and traveller Marracci has been found among the ruins of a monastery which was destroyed by an earthquake in A. H. 1234 (A. D. 1822). The ruins had not been disturbed until a few months since, when the Walee (Governor) ordered the site cleared, intending to build an inn or caravan-serai. The MS. consists of twenty-one leaves of closely written notes on Arabian manners and customs. Among other personal notes he writes: "In questa citta (Aleppo) non vi saranno dunque ne cavalli ne carrozze." (In this city there are no horses and carriages.) And in another an account of his admission to the Order of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, beginning: "Egli confido un segreto a mio del mistico reliquario, . . . un compendio di tutte le perfezzioni." He said it was a compound of all perfections. The diary shows that he must have been in the city several months.

I thank you for copy of Report of Imperial Council. My heart is burnt as roasted mutton at the thought of your annual reunion and my inability to enjoy the pleasures thereof.

May this find you and all Nobles in prosperity.

Written as intended.

OSMAN BEN KEDIA,

Recorder Temple Walee Jemel,

Aleppo, Syria, Turkey.

Haleb esh Sabha,
Moharrum 8, 1304.





THE MYSTIC SHRINE IN MARSEILLES.

It is gratifying to lay before the Nobles a letter from the Shrine in Marseilles, France, the place from which our Kadosh, Noble WILLIAM J. FLORENCE, brought so many valuable and peculiarly interesting items relating to our Order, which were in addition to or explanatory of former information received from Cairo, in Egypt, in 1870.

Translation.

To Illustrious SAM BRIGGS, Most Imperial Potentate, Nobles of the Mystic Shrine for the United States of America :



Y DEAR SIR AND NOBLE: At the request of your Representative of Temples in the East. Noble JOHN WORTHINGTON, U. S. Consul at Malta, I write to give you a greeting from our Temple, or, as we call it, Bokhara Shrine, at this, one of the most ancient cities in the world. I suppose you know that a city stood on this site about 600 years before the Christian Era, founded by Greeks from Phokea in ancient Greece.



We are alive to our advantages historical and otherwise. This city is the most important in France, and is visited by merchants from almost every trading people, who bring the finest products of other lands, and carry away the unequalled fabrics and most delicious fruits and wines of La Belle France

In our Shrine we are sure we are not outdone, even if we are equalled, by the work of any other, although accounts of work and progress in numbers received from New York are simply astonishing. The pilgrimages to Chicago, St. Louis,

and Indianapolis, and the engraved notices, grand lithographs, from all parts of the country, indicate an activity that is very gratifying to every lover of the Noble Order.

Our Nobles in Marseilles have derived their knowledge of the people of the States from the French newspapers chiefly, and cyclopedias, and some few details from passing travellers. Noble Florence was a surprise in the extent of his general intelligence and his brilliant wit. We had conceived of the people in Indiana as a mixed race of native Indians and various Europeans, Irish, Germans, English, etc., and altogether of a dark or swarthy color. The visits of several Nobles and the beautiful notices of their meetings at the Shrine have given us a more correct estimate of their civilization and culture, and also as to their honorable pedigree.

Our Shrine is peculiar, perhaps, beyond any other in the variety of its membership. We are not such a colossal temple as that of Mecca at New York, for we have only two hundred and fifteen active and honorary members, while during the thirty years of its existence nearly as many have entered the Unseen Temple. The peculiarity is that we have members from nearly every nation in Europe, some in Asia and Africa, and one or more from America. A sea captain from Peru passed within our mystic circle at our last devotion.

I would be glad to give you a minute account of the ritual and work of our Shrine, but cannot because of a by-law which prohibits the communication of the least word or hint outside of the temple. We do not publish proceedings, and maintain secrecy and silence to all outside of the mystic circle around the altar. When Noble Florence was here he received not one word of instruction or of information except within the temple and at a stated meeting.

However, I am proud to say that we are prosperous. Our numbers are sufficient to make expenses light, and we owe no man anything but courtesy and kindness.

We shall always be glad to receive reports, and assure you and all other Nobles of our hearty sympathy and co-operation in the Shrine.

Fraternally yours,

CHARLES LOUIS PEYSSONNEL, G. P.

VICTOR HUGO DUMARSAIS, R.



CONGRESS

—OF—



IMPERIAL COUNCIL,



NOBLES OF THE MYSTIC SHRINE,

—FOR THE—

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

OFFICERS FOR 1886-1889.

SAM BRIGGS.....	<i>Imperial Potentate,</i> CLEVELAND, O.
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JAMES H. THOMPSON.....	<i>Imperial Chief Rabban,</i> CHICAGO, ILL.
HENRY E. HOSLEY.....	<i>Imperial Assistant Rabban,</i> BOSTON, MASS.
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44. STILES, WILLIAM A.15 N. Clinton St., Chicago, Ill.
45. THOMPSON, JAMES H.79 Clark St., Chicago, Ill.
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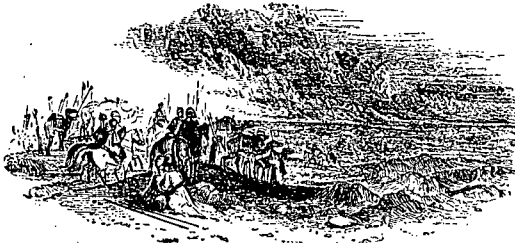
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6. TYLER, GEORGE O.Burlington, Vt.





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1. ANGEL, FRANK W. Davenport, Iowa.
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37. SICKELS, DANIEL. New York, N. Y.
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42. TRACY, D. BURNHAM. Detroit, Mich.
43. VICK, FRANK H. Rochester, N. Y.
44. WATERMAN, ROBERT H. Albany, N. Y.
45. WARD, J. H. HOBART. New York, N. Y.
46. WHITE, JARVIS. Davenport, Iowa.
47. WHITING, WILLIAM H. Rochester, N. Y.
48. WILLIAMS, JOHN D. Elmira, N. Y.
49. WING, GEORGE W. Montpelier, Vt.

TEMPLES UNDER THE IMPERIAL COUNCIL

OFFICERS FOR 1887.

1.—ABDALLAH TEMPLE, LEAVENWORTH, KANSAS.

Richard A. Ketner (603 Cherokee St.)	Grand Potentate
Dwight Byington	Chief Rabban.
Carl A. Woodruff	Assistant Rabban
Rev. Tullius C. Tupper	High Priest.
Edward W. Osgood	Oriental Guide.
John M. Laing	Treasurer.
La Martine Cretors (603 Cherokee St.)	Recorder.
William B. Fletcher	First Cer. Master.
Edward Jobson	Second Cer. Master.
Frank S. Hastings	Marshal.
Thomas E. Conklin	Captain of Guard.
Rudolph Jost	Outer Guard.

Founded March 28, 1887.—Number of Members, 32.

2.—ACCA TEMPLE, RICHMOND VA.

Preston Belvin (18 Governor St.)	Grand Potentate.
Lewis P. Ecker	Chief Rabban.
W. Fred Pleasants	Assistant Rabban.
Parker T. Conrad	High Priest.
George L. Street	Oriental Guide.
John W. Otley	Treasurer.
William H. Sands (Bank and 11th Sts.)	Recorder.
William E. Jones	First Cer. Master.
A. L. Pleasants	Second Cer. Master.
John Wright	Marshal.
H. W. F. Southern	Captain of the Guard.
Junius A. Mosby	Outer Guard.
John F. Bell	Director.

Founded June 9, 1886.—Number of Members, 41.

3.—ALEPPO TEMPLE, BOSTON, MASS.

Henry E. Hosley (577 Dorchester Av., South Boston)	Grand Potentate.
Thomas Waterman	Chief Rabban.
James A. Fox	Assistant Rabban.
Leonard M. Averill	High Priest.
Joseph W. Work	Oriental Guide.
Albert Edgcomb	Treasurer.
Benjamin W. Rowell (23 Washington St.)	Recorder.
George A. Gillette	First Cer. Master.
Samuel F. Hubbard	Second Cer. Master.
George S. Carpenter	Marshal.
William Tyner	Captain of Guard.
J. Q. A. Holbrook	Outer Guard.
Frank Locke	Director.

Founded June 23, 1882.—Number of Members, 308.

4.—AL KORAN TEMPLE, CLEVELAND, OHIO.

Sam Briggs (Cleveland, O.).....	Grand Potentate.
Henry P. McIntosh.....	Chief Rabban.
Horace A. Bishop	Assistant Rabban.
James Hossack.....	High Priest.
Frederick A. Morse	Oriental Guide.
Charles T. Wesley.....	Treasurer.
Horace W. Hubbard (226 Bank St.).....	Recorder.
Charles F. Spencer.....	First Cer. Master.
Moses G. Carrel.....	Second Cer. Master.
J. M. Gorham.....	Marshal.
John W. Gibbons	Captain of Guard.
Theodore Elmendorf.....	Outer Guard.
Horace W. Hubbard.....	Director.

Founded November 16, 1876 —Number of Members, 245.

5.—ALMAS TEMPLE, WASHINGTON, D. C.

George H. Walker (1427 F St., N. W.).....	Grand Potentate.
Emmett C. Elmore.....	Chief Rabban.
Samuel J. Haislett.....	Assistant Rabban.
Clement W. Bennett.....	High Priest.
Benjamin W. Browne	Oriental Guide.
Abner T. Longley.....	Treasurer.
H. Harvey Hazard (National Savings Bank).....	Recorder.
John L. Yoeckel.....	First Cer. Master.
Walter C. Duff.....	Second Cer. Master.
J. William Palmer.....	Marshal.
David G. Dixon.....	Captain of Guard.
William S. Ballard	Outer Guard.
T. John Newton.....	Director.

Founded January 7, 1886.—Number of Members, 33.

6.—BALLUT ABYAD TEMPLE, ALBUQUERQUE, N. M.

Alexander Stevens (P. O. Box 99.).....	Grand Potentate.
William H. Whiteman.....	Chief Rabban.
Christopher N. Blackwell.....	Assistant Rabban.
John D. Wootten	High Priest.
Edward Medler	Oriental Guide.
Almarion M. Codington.....	Treasurer.
Fredrick H. Kent (Albuquerque, N. M.).....	Recorder.
Alexander M. Whitcomb.....	Outer Guard.

Founded June 11, 1887.—Number of Members, 8.

7.—BOUMI TEMPLE, BALTIMORE, MD.

William C. Nickum (275 S. Sharp St.).....	Grand Potentate.
William E. Arnold	Chief Rabban.
Richard H. Conway	Assistant Rabban.
Thomas McCoubray, Jr.....	High Priest.
William F. Cochran	Oriental Guide.
William H. Kleinsmith	Treasurer.
David F. Penington (1807 W. Fayette St.)	Recorder.
Mark A. G. Clift.....	First Cer. Master.
Samuel W. Register.....	Second Cer. Master.
John B. Kurtz	Marshal.
William Browning.....	Captain of Guard.
Washington H. Nicholson.....	Outer Guard.
George W. Starr, Jr	Director.

Founded March 31, 1884.—Number of Members, 105.

8.—CYPRUS TEMPLE, ALBANY, N. Y.

Joseph M. Lawson (37 Maiden Lane).....	Grand Potentate.
Herman H. Russ.....	Chief Rabban.
William Story.....	Assistant Rabban.
Thomas J. Bishop.....	High Priest.
William G. Janes	Oriental Guide.
Erasmus D. Jones.....	Treasurer.
William E. Fitch (328 S Pearl St.).....	Recorder.
John H. Quinby.....	First Cer. Master.
John A. Davis.....	Second Cer. Master.
James H. Kelly.....	Marshal.
Leonard G. Verbeek.....	Captain of Guard.
William H. Gladding.....	Outer Guard.
Robert D. Williams.....	Director.

Founded February 2, 1877.—Number of Members, 68.

9.—DAMASCUS TEMPLE, ROCHESTER, N. Y.

George F. Loder (Rochester, N. Y.).....	Grand Potentate.
William A. Murray	Chief Rabban.
Jacob G. Maurer.....	Assistant Rabban.
Samuel C. Pierce.....	High Priest.
Frank H. Vick	Oriental Guide.
Robert W. West.....	Treasurer.
Charles M. Steel (34 Court St.)	Recorder.
H. B. James	First Cer. Master.
Louis P. Herzberger.....	Second Cer. Master.
Edward C. Way.....	Marshal.
John M. Aikin.....	Captain of Guard.
William H. Davenport.....	Outer Guard.
Samuel R. Carter.....	Director.

Founded January 4, 1875.—Number of Members, 156.

10.—EL KAHIR TEMPLE, CEDAR RAPIDS, IOWA

Cyrus W. Eaton (Cedar Rapids, Iowa).....	Grand Potentate.
Edward I. Foster	Chief Rabban.
Calvin G. Greene.....	Assistant Rabban.
James Morton	High Priest.
Upton C. Blake	Oriental Guide.
James L. Bever.....	Treasurer.
George W. Bever (City National Bank).....	Recorder.
John B. Bever.....	First Cer. Master.
Charles H. French.....	Second Cer. Master.
William Flanagan	Marshal.
Charles H. Cogswell.....	Captain of Guard.
Zelotes Farr.....	Outer Guard.
H. T. Milliken.....	Director.

Founded February 9, 1886.—Number of Members, 45.

11.—HELLA TEMPLE, DALLAS, TEXAS.

Joseph K. Ashby (Lock Box 426, Fort Worth, Tex.)...	Grand Potentate.
Eugene Marshall.....	Chief Rabban.
E. E. Chase	Assistant Rabban.
L. M. Knepfly.....	High Priest.
J. A. D. Harris.....	Oriental Guide.
E. M. Reardon.....	Treasurer.
Thomas D. Miller (511 Houston St., Fort Worth, Tex.).....	Recorder.
Will J. Fewell.....	First Cer. Master.
Stephen E. Moss	Second Cer. Master.
George H. Green.....	Marshal.
Henry M. Spalding.....	Captain of Guard.
Richard E. McAnulty.....	Outer Guard.

Founded May 31, 1887.—Number of Members, 24.

12.—ISIS TEMPLE, SALINA, KANSAS.

Edward C. Culp (Salina, Kansas)...	Grand Potentate.
H. S. Cunningham.....	Chief Rabban.
S. M. Palmer.....	Assistant Rabban.
Jacob DeWitt.....	High Priest.
T. L. Bond	Oriental Guide.
Oscar Seitz.....	Treasurer.
Cyrenius Sellers (Salina, Kansas).....	Recorder.
R. N. Nickels.....	First Cer. Master.
John Anderson.....	Second Cer. Master.
David J. Addison.....	Marshal.
L. O. Wight.....	Captain of Guard.
F. Kingman.....	Outer Guard.

Founded March 30, 1887.—Number of Members, 73.

13.—ISLAM TEMPLE, SAN FRANCISCO, CAL.

Curtis G. Kenyon (664 Mission St.).....	Grand Potentate.
Franklin H. Day.....	Chief Rabban.
Hiram T. Graves.....	Assistant Rabban.
William J. Younger.....	High Priest.
Charles L. Field.....	Oriental Guide.
Edwin White Newhall.....	Treasurer.
John Hatfield Gray (311 California St).....	Recorder.
George H. Thompson.....	First Cer. Master.
Charles E. Blake.....	Second Cer. Master.
Henry Edwards.....	Marshal.
George C. Hickox.....	Captain of Guard.
Robert H. Mowbray..	Outer Guard.
John H. Gray.....	Director.
Founded March 6, 1883.—Number of Members, 111.	

14.—JERUSALEM TEMPLE, NEW ORLEANS, LA.

Albert G. Brice (122 Gravier St.).....	Grand Potentate.
George J. Pinckard.....	Chief Rabban.
William T. Benedict.....	Assistant Rabban.
R. T. Slocumb.....	High Priest.
John S. Alfred.....	Oriental Guide.
Arthur W. Hyatt.....	Treasurer.
Richard Lambert (P. O. Drawer 872).....	Recorder.
Mark Quayle.....	First Cer. Master.
George Soulé.....	Second Cer. Master.
J. J. McGinnis.....	Marshal.
Harry W. Benedict.....	Captain of Guard.
John W. Madden.....	Outer Guard.
Founded March 30, 1885.—Number of Members, 26.	

15.—KAABA TEMPLE, DAVENPORT, IOWA.

Lewis P. Dosh (Davenport, Iowa).....	Grand Potentate.
Henry Carse.....	Chief Rabban.
George R. Marvin.....	Assistant Rabban.
George M. Cook.....	High Priest.
William H. Smith.....	Oriental Guide.
Frank S. Hastings.....	Treasurer.
Cornelius J. Brown (306 E. Eighth St.).....	Recorder.
Frederick W. Lerch.....	First Cer. Master.
John N. Davis.....	Second Cer. Master.
Thomas Murray.....	Marshal.
William F. Zimmerman.....	Captain of Guard.
Charles H. Reupke.....	Outer Guard.
Jarvis White.....	Director.
Founded (as Pyramid Temple) July 1, 1878.—Number of Members, 28.	

16.—KOSAIR TEMPLE, LOUISVILLE, KY.

William Ryan (129 Breckinridge St.)	Grand Potentate.
John A. Stratton	Chief Rabban.
Charles F. Hill	Assistant Rabban.
Clarence L. Martin	High Priest.
Charles A. Graham	Oriental Guide.
John Finzer	Treasurer.
Will E. Ryan (129 Breckinridge St.)	Recorder.
John F. Lewis	First Cer. Master.
Richard H. Higgins	Second Cer. Master.
George Pearce	Marshal.
Charles W. Pool	Captain of Guard.
George F. Evans	Outer Guard.
M. Cary Peter	Director.

Founded November 3, 1884.—Number of Members, 75.

17.—LU LU TEMPLE, PHILADELPHIA, PA.

Joseph S. Wright (704 Market St.)	Grand Potentate.
John W. Haseltine	Chief Rabban.
Ezra S. Bartlett	Assistant Rabban.
Charles Laing	High Priest.
Philip C. Shaffer	Oriental Guide.
Michael F. Benerman	Treasurer.
Charles Cary (417 Walnut St.)	Recorder.
Daniel E. Wilson	First Cer. Master.
John A. S. Heath	Second Cer. Master.
Jacob L. Brallier	Marshal.
Alexander McCune	Captain of Guard.
Benjamin K. Paullin	Outer Guard.
Edward B. Jordan	Director.

Founded December 31, 1883.—Number of Members, 507.

18.—MECCA TEMPLE, NEW YORK, N. Y.

Walter M. Fleming (66 Madison Ave.)	Grand Potentate.
Augustus W. Peters	Chief Rabban.
Philip C. Benjamin	Assistant Rabban.
Charles H. Heyzer	High Priest.
Rev. Cornelius L. Twing	Scherif ul Ulema.
James McGee	Oriental Guide.
Joseph M. Levey	Treasurer.
William S. Paterson (100 Reade St.)	Recorder.
James V. Kirby	First Cer. Master.
Hermion J. Emerson	Second Cer. Master.
Edgar M. Ayers	Marshal.
Erskine H. Dickey	Captain of Guard.
Theodore Reeves	Outer Guard.
Joseph B. Eakins	Director.

Organized September 26, 1872.—Number of Members, 1018.

19.—MEDINAH TEMPLE, CHICAGO, ILL.

Martin Howard (Room 710, 218 La Salle St.)	Grand Potentate.
John A. May	Chief Rabban.
John H. Witbeck	Assistant Rabban.
M. R. Freshwaters	High Priest.
Thomas H. Currier	Oriental Guide.
James S. Carter	Treasurer.
Frank M. Luce (Room 17, C. & N. W. Ry. Pass. Depot)	Recorder.
William M. Knight	First Cer. Master.
John H. Huyck	Second Cer. Master.
Chester S. Gurney	Marshal.
John E. Norton	Captain of Guard.
A. McLellan	Outer Guard.
T. C. Penington	Director.

Founded October 30, 1882.—Number of Members, 399.

20.—MOOLAH TEMPLE, SAINT LOUIS, MO.

Elisha B. Overstreet (2708 Dayton St.)	Grand Potentate.
Jack P. Richardson	Chief Rabban.
V. O. Saunders	Assistant Rabban.
William Walsh	High Priest.
John J. Baulch	Oriental Guide.
Hunter Ben Jenkins	Treasurer.
William H. Mayo (Masonic Hall)	Recorder.
Thomas P. Morse	First Cer. Master.
A. B. Bowman	Second Cer. Master.
William H. Etter	Marshal.
A. F. Donk	Captain of Guard.
John W. Owen	Outer Guard.
George T. Murphy	Director.

Founded April 26, 1886.—Number of Members, 95.

21.—MOSLEM TEMPLE, DETROIT, MICH.

Ozias W. Shipman (Detroit, Mich.)	Grand Potentate.
W. H. Sanford	Chief Rabban.
Bruce Goodfellow	Assistant Rabban.
W. H. Allison	High Priest.
E. B. Harris	Oriental Guide.
Benjamin F. Haxton	Treasurer.
D. Burnham Tracy (120 Bagg St.)	Recorder.
Lou Burt	First Cer. Master.
C. P. Collins	Second Cer. Master.
W. H. Ellis	Marshal.
N. Coulson	Captain of Guard.
Alexander McGregor	Outer Guard.

Founded June 2, 1880.—Number of Members, 131.

22.—MOUNT SINAI TEMPLE, MONTPELIER, VT.

Charles H. Heaton (Lock Box 247).....	Grand Potentate.
Rev. Howard F. Hill.....	Chief Rabban.
William A. Briggs.....	Assistant Rabban.
Rev. Frederick S. Fisher.....	High Priest.
George L. Lane.....	Oriental Guide.
Frank H. Bascom.....	Treasurer.
Henry Lowe (Montpelier, Vt.).....	Recorder.
Albro F. Nichols.....	First Cer. Master.
Ira G. Bascom.....	Second Cer. Master.
J. Henry Jackson.....	Marshal.
James T. Sabin.....	Captain of Guard.
James A. Erwin.....	Outer Guard.
James E. Curran.....	Director.

Founded December 15, 1876.—Number of Members, 37.

23.—MURAT TEMPLE, INDIANAPOLIS, IND.

John T. Brush (Room 30, When Block).....	Grand Potentate.
Theodore Pfafflin.....	Chief Rabban.
Joseph W. Smith.....	Assistant Rabban.
Byron K. Elliott.....	High Priest.
Jacob W. Smith.....	Oriental Guide.
Charles F. Meyer.....	Treasurer.
Cortes F. Holliday (33 South Meridian St.).....	Recorder.
William H. Schmidt.....	First Cer. Master.
Willis C. Vajen.....	Second Cer. Master.
Chalmers Brown.....	Marshal.
William J. McKee.....	Captain of Guard.
John Saunders.....	Outer Guard.
Henry H. McGaffey.....	Director.

Founded March 13, 1884.—Number of Members, 150.

24.—ORIENTAL TEMPLE, TROY, N. Y.

Jesse B. Anthony (Troy, N. Y.).....	Grand Potentate.
Lee Chamberlin.....	Chief Rabban.
Levi H. Button.....	Assistant Rabban.
Arthur MacArthur.....	High Priest.
Theodore E. Haslehurst.....	Oriental Guide.
Jesse B. Anthony.....	Treasurer.
Edward B. Cox (Troy, N. Y.).....	Recorder.
Alexander B. King.....	First Cer. Master.
George F. Greene.....	Second Cer. Master.
John F. Shafer.....	Marshal.
Joseph W. Smart.....	Captain of Guard.
Charles Teson.....	Outer Guard.

Founded February 6, 1877.—Number of Members, 39.

25.—OSIRIS TEMPLE, WHEELING, W. VA.

Alfred Paull (41 Twelfth St.)	Grand Potentate.
Matthew R. Wolff	Chief Rabban.
W. M. Bougher	Assistant Rabban.
F. H. Warden	High Priest.
A. J. Sweeney	Oriental Guide.
A. Franzheim	Treasurer.
Robert J. Smythe (Wheeling, W. Va.)	Recorder.
S. B. McCormick	First Cer. Master.
F. J. Norton	Second Cer. Master.
J. A. H. Parsons	Marshal.
G. W. Atkinson	Captain of Guard.
T. W. Bliss	Outer Guard.

Founded July 22, 1886.—Number of Members, 32.

26.—OSMAN TEMPLE, SAINT PAUL, MINN.

William H. S. Wright (Saint Paul, Minn.)	Grand Potentate.
John A. Berkey	Chief Rabban.
Julius H. Burwell	Assistant Rabban.
Richard T. Flournoy	High Priest.
Russell C. Munger	Oriental Guide.
Robert A. Smith	Treasurer.
Orville G. Miller (Grand Central Hotel)	Recorder.
George Hunsaker	First Cer. Master.
William P. Jewett	Second Cer. Master.
Newton I. Willey	Marshal.
Manly B. Curry	Captain of Guard.
Jean C. Fischer	Outer Guard.
John T. Black	Director.

Founded June 20, 1885.—Number of Members, 82.

27.—PALESTINE TEMPLE, NEWPORT, R. I.

Clarence B. Mason (Newport, R. I.)	Grand Potentate.
Robert S. Franklin	Chief Rabban.
William J. Huntington	Assistant Rabban.
John P. Sanborn	High Priest.
William W. Marvel	Oriental Guide.
John Waters	Treasurer.
Thomas C. Sherman (175 Thames St.)	Recorder.
William Carry	First Cer. Master.
William H. Lee	Second Cer. Master.
Michael F. Walsh	Marshal.
William Gosling	Captain of Guard.
J. Gottlieb Spingler	Outer Guard.

Founded January 28, 1886.—Number of Members, 74.

28.—PYRAMID TEMPLE, BRIDGEPORT, CONN.

Julius W. Knowlton (Bridgeport, Conn.).....	Grand Potentate.
Stephen T. Bartlett	Chief Rabban.
Andrew H. Doolittle	Assistant Rabban.
Edwin T. Pyle.....	High Priest.
Alpheus D. Dutton	Oriental Guide.
Henry Gardner.....	Treasurer.
E. Stewart Sumner (P. O. Box 1684).....	Recorder.
Hugh Stirling.....	First Cer. Master.
David C. Mills.....	Second Cer. Master.
William J. Dorrance.....	Marshal.
Civilion Fones.....	Captain of Guard.
Rodney S. Bassett.....	Outer Guard.
Thaddeus S. Beecher.....	Director.

Founded April 18, 1877.—Number of Members, 204.

29.—RAMESES TEMPLE, TORONTO, CANADA.

George S. McConkey (155 Yonge St.).....	Grand Potentate.
H. A. Taylor.....	Chief Rabban.
L. Atkinson.....	Assistant Rabban.
Charles E. McDonald.....	High Priest.
James Glanville	Oriental Guide.
James A. McMurtry.....	Treasurer.
John Hetherington (72 Argyle St.).....	Recorder.
H. O. Sonntag.....	First Cer. Master.
L. B. Montgomery.....	Second Cer. Master.
F. B. Lockwood.....	Marshal.
W. F. Higgins.....	Captain of Guard.
Joseph King.....	Outer Guard.
J. H. Mattice.....	Director.

Founded April 21, 1887.—Number of Members 28.

30.—SALAAM TEMPLE, OLNEY, ILL.

Harvey M. Hall (Olney, Ill.).....	Grand Potentate.
Gideon D. Slauker.....	Chief Rabban.
John Von Gunten, Jr.....	Assistant Rabban.
John H. Gunn.....	High Priest.
H. C. Bothwell.....	Oriental Guide.
Henry Studer.....	Treasurer.
William F. Beck (Olney Times Office).....	Recorder.
John Kuster.....	First Cer. Master.
N. S. Marshall.....	Second Cer. Master.
Philip Raling.....	Marshal.
I. O. Wolf.....	Captain of Guard.
Frank Powers.....	Outer Guard.
Charles Ferriman.....	Director.

Founded January 1, 1884.—Number of Members, 21.

31.—SALADIN TEMPLE, GRAND RAPIDS, MICH.

George E. Pantlind (Grand Rapids, Mich.)	Grand Potentate.
Richard D. Swartout	Chief Rabban.
Henry F. Hastings	Assistant Rabban.
Charles T. Hills	High Priest.
Charles B. Judd	Oriental Guide.
Edward D. Benedict	Treasurer.
Samuel E. Watson (14 Canal St.)	Recorder.
Lou B. Winsor	First Cer. Master.
Frederick W. Kleindienst	Second Cer. Master.
Heman N. Moore	Marshal.
Lucius M. Cary	Captain of Guard.
Frederick A. Holcomb	Outer Guard.
William P. Innes	Director.

Founded April 7, 1886.—Number of Members, 60.

32.—SALTANAT TEMPLE, LONDON, CANADA.

John S. Dewar (Free Press, London, Canada)	Grand Potentate.
Andrew W. Porte	Chief Rabban.
David B. Burch	Assistant Rabban.
Wilber R. Vining	High Priest.
Charles B. Hunt	Oriental Guide.
George S. Birrell	Treasurer.
John A. Rose (London, Canada)	Recorder.
William Hawthorn	First Cer. Master.
Joseph Beck	Second Cer. Master.
Charles N. Spencer	Marshal.
Herbert C. Simpson	Captain of Guard.
Frederick J. Hood	Outer Guard.

Founded July 13, 1886.—Number of Members, 16.

33.—SYRIA TEMPLE, PITTSBURGH, PA.

Thomas J. Hudson (Pittsburgh, Pa.)	Grand Potentate.
Arthur B. Wigley	Chief Rabban.
Americus V. Holmes	Assistant Rabban.
Geter C. Shidle	High Priest.
William S. Brown	Oriental Guide.
Joseph Eichbaum	Treasurer.
John J. Hazzard (P. O. Box 790)	Recorder.
Job C. Bartlett	First Cer. Master.
A. B. Davitt	Second Cer. Master.
Henry H. Arnold	Marshal.
William M. Ramsey	Captain of Guard.
George C. Johnston	Outer Guard.
Benjamin Darlington	Director.

Founded May 19, 1877.—Number of Members, 223.

34.—SYRIAN TEMPLE, CINCINNATI, OHIO.

William B. Melish (181 Walnut St.)	Grand Potentate.
Charles H. Flach	Chief Rabban.
Charles H. Fish	Assistant Rabban.
Sherwood B. Markland	High Priest.
Joseph Kirkup	Oriental Guide.
Thomas Kite, Jr.	Treasurer.
Edward C. Harding (15 W. Third St.)	Recorder.
George T. Sterrett	First Cer. Master.
Frank G. Curry	Second Cer. Master.
Ralph Avery	Marshal.
William B. Carpenter	Captain of Guard.
James A. Hughes	Outer Guard.
William Michie	Director.

Founded November 6, 1876.—Number of Members, 222.

35.—TRIPOLI TEMPLE, MILWAUKEE, WIS.

Eugene S. Elliott (80 Wisconsin St.)	Grand Potentate.
Henry S. Bracken	Chief Rabban.
Leroy C. Whitney	Assistant Rabban.
John W. Laffin	High Priest.
Frank B. Golley	Oriental Guide.
John E. Armitage	Treasurer.
George A. Schroeder (1129 Sycamore St.)	Recorder.
Luther L. Caufy	First Cer. Master.
Frank J. Crosby	Second Cer. Master.
Charles D. Rogers	Marshal.
John L. Ferguson	Captain of Guard.
Thomas M. Corbett	Outer Guard.

Founded March 9, 1885.—Number of Members, 130.

36.—ZIYARA TEMPLE, UTICA, N. Y.

Taliesin Evans (Utica, N. Y.)	Acting Grand Potentate.
Edward A. Tallman	Chief Rabban.
Thomas Jay Griffiths	Assistant Rabban.
C. H. Treadwell	High Priest.
Theodore W. Bolles	Oriental Guide.
Charles E. Barnard	Treasurer.
Taliesin Evans (Utica, N. Y.)	Recorder.
Athelbert Cropsey	First Cer. Master.
Daniel Pardee	Second Cer. Master.
H. Gilbert Hart	Marshal.
J. H. Case	Captain of Guard.
David J. Evans	Outer Guard.

Founded October 30, 1877.—Number of Members, 85.

37.—ZUHRAH TEMPLE, MINNEAPOLIS, MINN.

John A. Schlener (425 Nicollet Av.).....	Grand Potentate.
Hugh Kirkwood.....	Chief Rabban.
J. L. Dobbin.....	Assistant Rabban.
Robert G. Evans.....	High Priest.
Timothy E. Byrnes.....	Oriental Guide.
J. M. Williams.....	Treasurer.
Joshua W. Nash (Lock Box 60).....	Recorder.
John R. Everard.....	First Cer. Master.
S. S. Kilvington.....	Second Cer. Master.
Judson W. Stone.....	Marshal.
Emmit W. Rossman.....	Captain of Guard.
William Cove.....	Outer Guard.
Albert M. Shuey.....	Musical Director.

Founded July 25, 1885.—Number of Members, 57.

STATES WITH TEMPLES.

1. CALIFORNIA.....Islam Temple.
2. CONNECTICUT.....Pyramid Temple.
3. DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA.....Almas Temple.
4. ILLINOIS.....Medinah and Salaam Temples.
5. INDIANA.....Murat Temple.
6. IOWA.....El Kahir and Kaaba Temples.
7. KANSAS.....Abdallah and Isis Temples.
8. KENTUCKY.....Kosair Temple.
9. LOUISIANA.....Jerusalem Temple.
10. MARYLAND.....Boumi Temple.
11. MASSACHUSETTS.....Aleppo Temple.
12. MICHIGAN.....Moslem and Saladin Temples.
13. MINNESOTA.....Osman and Zuhrah Temples.
14. MISSOURI.....Moolah Temple.
15. NEW MEXICO.....Ballut Abyad Temple.
16. NEW YORK.....Cyprus, Damascus, Mecca, Oriental, and Ziyara Temples.
17. OHIO.....Al Koran and Syrian Temples.
18. PENNSYLVANIA.....Lu Lu and Syria Temples.
19. RHODE ISLAND.....Palestine Temple.
20. TEXAS.....Hella Temple.
21. VERMONT.....Mount Sinai Temple.
22. VIRGINIA.....Acca Temple.
23. WEST VIRGINIA.....Osiris Temple.
24. WISCONSIN.....Tripoli Temple.
25. CANADA.....Rameses and Saltanat Temples.

CLOSING OF IMPERIAL COUNCIL.

On motion the reading of the Proceedings was dispensed with.
The Imperial Council, at six o'clock P. M., was closed in Ample Form,
with due Invocation and Declaration.

PUBLICATION.

The Proceedings of this Thirteenth Session are hereby approved for
publication.

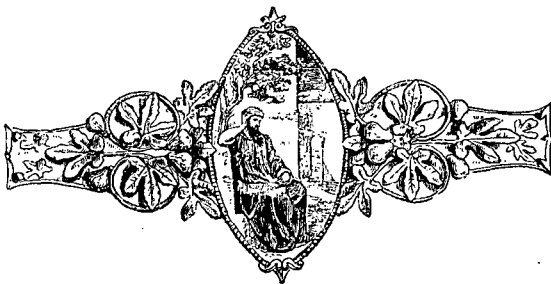
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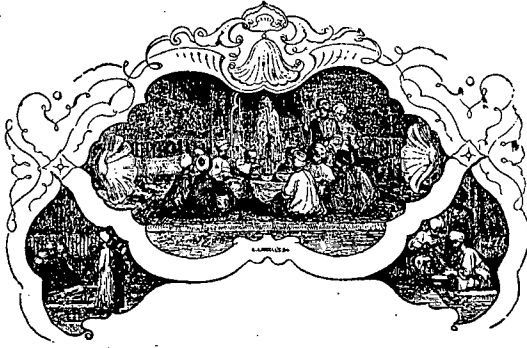
IMPERIAL POTENTATE.

ATTEST:

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IMPERIAL RECORDER.





Murat !



MURAT alone sums up the magnificence that followed the arduous labors of the Imperial Council, on Monday, June 20, 1887, whose Proceedings are given in the preceding pages.

At six o'clock in the afternoon, the Imperial Divan, with a large number of visitors, were saluted by the hosts of Murat, headed by Grand Potentate John T. Brush, and escorted through the principal thoroughfares to the grand Almasjid al Haram of the Temple, on South Pennsylvania Street, attracting the attention of vast numbers of people, and were cordially welcomed within the precincts of the Mystic Circle.



Murat Temple was opened in full ceremonial form, and the following sixteen sons of the desert were announced for the Moslem's vow :

S. C. Carey, O. W. Moorman, E. J. Gantz, Indianapolis ; J. C. Suit, T. D. Jones, A. S. Catherworn, Frankfort ; Walter Vail, A. S. Nichols, A. G. Tillotson, Michigan City ; C. R. McCullough, Huntington ; B. G. Hudnut, Edward Gilbert, Terre Haute ; W. S. Kerlin, Evansville ; C. A. White, Danville ; F. S. Collins, Seymour ; and Nelson Bradley, Greenfield.

The exemplification of the Oriental Ritual was perfect, with a wealth of gorgeous raiment and beauty of ceremonial hitherto unsurpassed, and for nearly three hours the Nobles were entranced with the wonderful mysteries.

The Temple was closed, and the name of every Imperial Officer, visitor, and member of Murat was called, and, in appropriate order, the Nobles were led to the Banquet Hall, in charge of the following Committees, under whose generous hospitality all the arrangements had been so well made :

COMMITTEES.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.—J. T. Brush, Chairman ; Charles F. Meyer, Bruce Carr, H. H. McGaffey, Theo. Pfafflin, Joseph W. Smith, Cortes F. Holliday, John A. Holman, William H. Schmidt.

ENTERTAINMENT.—*Badge Red.*—H. H. McGaffey, Chairman ; L. M. Potter, F. P. Wade, Chalmers Brown, Charles Rouser, D. B. Earhart, W. J. Craig, W. H. Schmidt, S. D. Baker, N. K. Elliott, J. W. Sherwood, George F. Branham, Henry Jameson, Thomas Taggart, William C. Gray, P. H. Krauss, J. C. Walk, R. O. Hawkins, J. C. McCutcheon, D. A. Richardson, John W. Cruft, S. J. Hillman.

MUSIC.—Theodore Pfafflin, Chairman ; M. D. Butler, George E. Mills, J. G. Blake, W. S. Rich, David Strouse, O. W. Williams, and J. B. Cameron.

CHANTERS AL KORAN.—O. W. Williams, John G. Blake, Ora Pearson, Mahlon D. Butler ; T. W. S. Belcher, Organist.

RECEPTION.—*Badge Blue.*—Bruce Carr, Chairman ; T. J. Charlton, B. K. Elliott, J. W. Cruft, Andrew Hagen, S. A. Johnston, F. S. Newcomer, S. B. Sweet, W. O. Patterson, S. J. Peelle, G. W. Pixley, W. H. Smythe, Isaac Thalman, F. C. Eckelman, C. B. Harris, Edwin L. Williams, Ford Woods, F. T. Holliday, A. P. Charles, George E. Farrington, M. H. Rice, W. J. McKee, J. P. Tuckerman, A. R. White.

FINANCE.—C. F. Meyer, Chairman ; R. O. Hawkins, R. L. Scarlett, W. H. Schmidt, D. A. Richardson, J. T. Brush.

PROGRAMMES AND BADGES.—John A. Holman, Chairman ; J. T. Brush, B. K. Elliott, P. G. C. Hunt, C. E. Wright, A. R. Baker.

BANQUET.—C. F. Holliday, Chairman ; Joseph W. Smith, W. H. Burke, Thomas Taggart, Charles Rouser, T. V. Cook.

"WELCOME EVER SMILES."

After the Invocation to Beneficent Providence, nearly three hundred Nobles were seated at about fifty tables, each seat designated with the name of the guest, under the charge of an army of one hundred Nubian mascots, whose remarkable executions from the well filled granaries to the surrounding divans were a wonder to behold, while they revolved with the following viands :

MENU.

Little Neck Clams.
Columbia River Salmon.
Sauce Hollandaise.
Tomatoes. Cucumbers.
Potatoes, Parisienne.
Saddle of Spring Lamb, Mint Sauce.
New Potatoes, à la crème. French Green Peas.
Calf Brain Patties, Mayonnaise Sauce.
Frogs, Fried.
Spring Chicken, Broiled.
Asparagus. New Potatoes, Baked.
Larded Sweet Breads, with Water-Cress.
Vol-au-vent of Lamb Fries.
Saratoga Chips.
Chicken Salad. Lobster Salad.
Ornamental Cakes.
Tutti Frutti.
Neapolitan Cream.
Cheese. Coffee. Fruit.
Claret, Sauterne, Champagne, Cognac, Liqueurs, Diverses, Cigars.

An excellent Orchestra discoursed sweet strains during the banquet, and accompanied the Chanters Al Koran.

The following telegram was received with great applause :

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., June 20, 1887.

To H. H. MCGAFFEY, Shrine Lodge Rooms :

My love to all Shriners now struggling in the hot sands of Indiana. I am shivering here.

GUS WILLIAMS.

"For now
We sit to chat
As well as eat."

Noble JOHN T. BRUSH, with an eloquent welcome to the guests of the evening, presided over the following :

TOASTS.

"OUR GUESTS"—

John T. Brush.....Presiding.

"His worth is warrant for his welcome."

"Ogniya Sahra."—Chanters Al Koran.

"THE IMPERIAL COUNCIL"—

Sam Briggs.....Al Koran.

"Some are, and must be, greater than the rest."

"THE IMPERIAL DIRECTORY"—

George W. Millar.....Mecca.

"Look to the helm, good master."

"THE EXPOUNDERS"—

Charles T. McClenachan.....Mecca.

"Elsewhere he could right weel lay down the law."

"Ejl Holouahbb li."—Chanters Al Koran.

"THE ANCIENT AND ACCEPTED SCOTTISH RITE"—

Brenton D. Babcock.....Al Koran.

"Should auld acquaintance be forgot."

"THE GRAND ENCAMPMENT"—

William H. Mayo.....Moolah.

"And days o' lang syne."

"Sabah el bi fatour li Biaz."—Chanters Al Koran.

"THE SHRINE"—

Byron K. Elliott.....Murat.

"The rank is but the guinea stamp,

The man's the gowd for a' that."

"THE SONS OF THE DESERT"—

Joseph C. Suit (If he lives to get there).....Class

"My joy lies onward, and my grief behind."

"OUR MYSTIC LITERATURE"—

William B. Melish.....Syrian.

"From the hot clime

Of Arab deserts brought."

"THE SALT OF EARTH"—

Joseph S. Wright.....Lu Lu.

"Norine Maurine."—Chanters Al Koran.

"THE ARAB"—

William A. Stiles.....Medinah.

"WESTWARD, HO!"—

Edward C. Culp.....Isis.

"THE FALLS NORTH"—	
William H. S. Wright.....	Osman.
"THE FALLS SOUTH"—	
William Ryan.....	Kosair.
"THE MOSLEMS"—	
Ozias W. Shipman.....	Moslem.
"Leile faiyib."—Chanters Al Koran.	
"NOMADIC REMINISCENCE"—	
Joseph B. Eakins.....	Mecca.
"THE CARAVAN"	
Henry E. Hosley.....	Aleppo.

VOLUNTARIES.

"PRESENTATION OF THE TIZKEER" (Souvenir)—	
John A. Holman.....	Murat.

Judge Holman, on concluding the toasts, presented, in behalf of Murat, a beautiful souvenir to each guest. It was in the form of a medal, composed of Egyptian bronze, and somewhat larger than a silver dollar. On the Obverse, the medal bore the words, "Souvenir Murat, N. M. S.—Imperial Council, Ramadan, June XX., 1887, Commemorating the Night of Power. To Noble (Crescent, with name of Noble engraved thereon).—Oasis of Indianapolis." The Reverse exhibits the Egyptian and Persian national arms, the first with three crescents and stars, and the second with the rising sun and a lion couchant. Below appear the ocean, with water craft of ancient character putting into harbor, and the Oasis of Indianapolis in the foreground. To the left, in the distance, is shown the desert, with a caravan of camels approaching the oasis, in the centre of which is the Temple of Murat.

The Nobles were enthusiastic in their appreciation of the oratorical and musical features, the banquet was superb, and the closing hour was made memorable by the hearty congratulations and warm thanks of the guests to the noble Nobles of Murat.

"AND FAREWELL GOES OUT SIGHING."

The names of the Imperial Officers, the Representatives, and the Officers of Murat Temple will be found on the preceding pages. A list of the Nobles of Murat would show that all were present, and supported their officers with great unanimity.

Some of the names of the visiting Nobles are here given :

S. D. Baker, Henry F. Drover, Huntington, Ind.; J. A. Manning, C. W. Woods, A. R. Colburn, Michigan City; F. W. Peters, New Albany; H. M. Dickinson, Chicago; E. C. Culp, Oscar Seitz, J. W. Fellows, Will P. Wilson, C. S. McGonigal, John L. Bell, C. W. Reider, S. C. Ramsay, E. C. Gay, H. S. Cunningham, T. L. Bond, C. A. Hiller, C. Sellers, L. O. Wight, George K. Burton, W. K. Brundage, A. A. Irwin, William J. Keyte, Salina, Kan.; R. A. Ketner, John M. Laing, Leavenworth; J. H. Richardson, Boston; Charles H. Merrill, H. Morgan, Clinton, Ind.; C. M. Daggett, Terre Haute; John Lillie, George W. Pixley, Fort Wayne; John A. Sage, L. S. Beardsley, C. D. Ingersoll, New York; L. W. Campbell, Chicago; J. H. Murray, A. Osterman, James H. Thompson, William A. Stiles, E. H. Hughes, H. M. Russell, J. Blake, R. L. Dakin, M. McRoberts, W. S. Calhoun, J. T. Hosford, Chicago; C. W. Eaton, W. M. Knight, R. D. Stewart, W. B. Rodgers, L. E. Pennington, Cedar Rapids; Sam Briggs, N. A. Wilson, Theodore Elmendorf, John Bemis, C. R. Butler, A. B. Foster, Cleveland; Henry E. Hosley, Frank Locke, Charles H. Porter, Thomas Waterman, M. W. Herring, Boston; M. R. Wolff, Wheeling; Joseph S. Wright, E. B. Jordan, Philadelphia; Thomas J. Hudson, George P. Balmain, Pittsburgh; R. W. G. Evans, Minneapolis; B. W. Browne, Washington; W. C. Nickum, Baltimore; Joseph B. Eakins, Charles T. McClenachan, George W. Millar, Charles H. Heyzer, James McGee, P. A. J. Russell, George F. Johnson, Fred Hamilton, Henry Pape, Jr., W. S. Paterson, George H. Fish, E. W. Giles, New York; Hugh McEwen, Brooklyn; Taliesin Evans, Utica; R. G. Richards, New Brunswick, N. J.; William Ryan, Louisville; J. N. Huston, Connersville; William B. Melish, Joseph Kirkup, Charles H. Flach, C. B. Melish, William Michie, Cincinnati; H. W. Hubbard, J. T. Sargent, E. B. Tidd, E. Barnett, B. D. Babcock, Charles Wesley, Charles H. Tucker, Cleveland; Hunter B. Jenkins, H. H. Stiebel, William H. Mayo, V. O. Saunders, J. P. Richardson, A. Gould, Elisha B. Overstreet, St. Louis; Garson Myers, C. W. Adams, Chicago; O. M. Gottschall, Cleveland; George J. Roberts, A. C. Black, Dan Shelby, Dayton; D. B. Martin, R. D. Hughes, Cleveland; Edward Gilbert, John R. Hager, B. J. Hudnut, J. R. Kendall, Terre Haute; R. P. Marvin, Akron; H. W. Hibbard, St. Louis; George S. McConkey, Toronto, Can.; H. A. Hammit, Columbus, O.; J. B. Chesney, Baltimore; P. J. Gillett, Jacksonville, Ill.; Preston Belvin, Lewis Ecker, Richmond, Va.; E. L. McLellan, Columbia City, Ind.; W. F. Beck, Olney, Ill.; W. C. Burk, Thorntown, Ind.; C. B. Harris, Goshen, Ind.; J. K. Ashby, Fort Worth, Texas.

Thus it will be seen that there were representatives from all parts of the United States and Canada, and the brilliant throngs are well voiced by Noble "Dennis" in the following :

MOSLEM CAVALCADES.

Camels are coming from east and west,
From north and from south they glitter and shine,
Banners of silk and a gleaming crest
At the head of each long and brilliant line.
From precincts suburban
See caftan and turban—
The iris seems robbed of every hue—
Ne'er since Caliph Haroun
Has there come to a town
Such an awfully gorgeous retinue.

Ah, there rides an Emir
With steel at his femur,
A true old Damascus yataghan ;
On great dromedaries
Are tall janizaries—
We're not like soon to see that again
Shayk, dervish, and imam
With most profound salaam
Respond to the greetings of every one,
And out from the van
Of each caravan
Comes a Nubian mascot, Son of the Sun.

Camels are coming from south and west,
From sweet north lakes and old ocean's brine ;
On Arabic toes long lances rest,
And pennons whirl in the airy wine ;
Now as they come nearer
And one sees them clearer,
Nobles are they of the Mystic Shrine.

The most elaborate preparations had been made by Murat to accomplish this splendid concourse. An elegant map of the Desert of the Western Hemisphere, surrounded by Egyptian representations of Feasts, Obelisk, Sphinx, Pyramid, etc., twenty-eight by twenty-two inches in size, was the medium of the hospitable invitation, and the Oases of all the Temples were marked by long lines of caravans travelling to the Murat Oasis. It is a unique invitation and is admired by all.

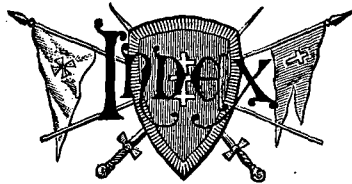
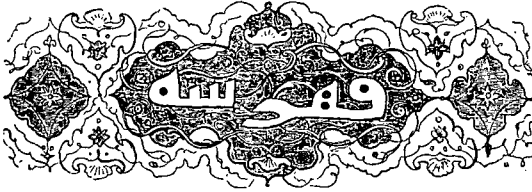
The printed programme was a model of typographic and lithographic art. It was eight inches wide by ten inches long, and included eight pages. The title page bore the words : "Oasis of Indianapolis, Ind., Murat in Honor of the Imperial Council, A. A. O. N. M. S., at its

Thirteenth Annual Session, June 20, 1887. Commemoration of the Night of Power." Upon this page was displayed a grey-bearded Noble in Arabic cashmere, reclining upon the cushions of a luxurious divan, and smoking a chibouque. The second, third, and seventh pages contained the names of the Imperial Council and Officers and Committees of Murat Temple. On the eighth page was a humorous illustration, depicting Nobles preparing toasts. The other pages were devoted to the order of toasts. The printing of the inside pages was upon a groundwork, in light-green tint, of Egyptian hieroglyphics, sphinxes, pyramids, and reproductions of ancient Arabic pictorial art. It formed as handsome a souvenir of the kind as was ever prepared.

All the people of Indianapolis had been made acquainted, through the *Indianapolis Journal* and the *Sentinel*, with the intentions and preparations of the Murat Nobles, and the Imperial Council was greeted in their columns with cheering words of welcome, the former giving a brief history of the Order, with emblems, and the latter giving the Imperial Recorder's History of the Order in full, with engravings of many symbols, the portrait of Noble Brush, and brief histories of the lives of the Imperial Council Officers. The events of the memorable day were also fully reported in the following morning's issues. In recognition of the enterprise of the *Sentinel*, the Banquet Committee of Murat Temple presented to that journal a mammoth cake, which was a splendid exhibition of the culinary art, being about two feet in diameter, of pyramidal shape, beautifully ornamented in sugar work with Shriners' designs, and having on the top pyramid a pretty white slipper, in which there were neatly arranged a wreath and a bouquet.

An interesting incident occurred on the evening preceding the above date. All who had arrived at that time were assembled at the Hotel, and became acquainted with each other in true Oriental fashion and with accompanying hospitalities. A number of the Chicago delegation were members of an active organization known only as O. G., which had recently been chartered by the parent body of O. G. of New York. The Chicago O. G. escorted the New York O. G. to a handsomely decorated parlor, where was enthroned on an elegant pedestal a large floral bell, made of white roses, with other flowers to give it a variegated appearance, and bearing the words in purple flowers, "From Chicago to New York." It was surrounded by elegant shaped jars, all painted by first-class artists of Chicago. There were also six beautiful railroad danger signals, finely engraved with the letters O. G. The whole was presented to the New York O. G., with eloquent words of welcome by the donors, and floriated return of thanks by the recipients.

Another incident brought joy to the heart of Noble William Ryan, when a number of the Nobles presented to him their subscriptions for the excellent *Masonic Home Journal*, printed by the Masonic Orphans of Louisville, Ky.



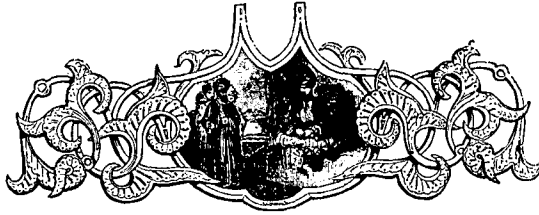
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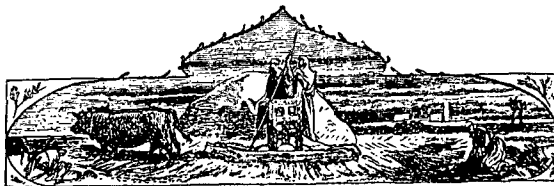
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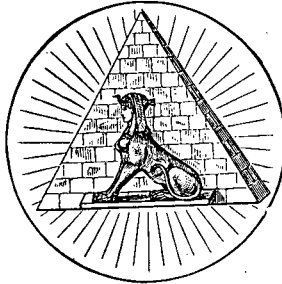
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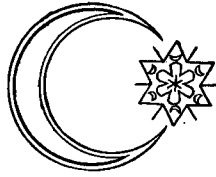
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URSUA^NT to Resolution of June 20, 1887, the Fourteenth Annual Session of the Imperial Council of the Ancient Arabic Order of the Nobles of the Mystic Shrine for North America was held at Al Beyt Ullahi 'l Haram of Rameses Temple, in the City of Toronto, Canada, on Nahar el Etnin, the 15th day of the tenth Arabic month of Shawwal, A. H. 1305, corresponding to Monday, the 25th day of June, A. D. 1888, at 10 o'clock A. M., and

in accordance with the Notice issued to all Officers, Members, and Temples, as follows:



ANNUAL NOTICE.

OFFICE OF IMPERIAL POTENTATE,
CLEVELAND, OHIO, May 1, 1888.



ILLUSTRIOUS NOBLE :

THE Imperial Council of the Ancient Arabic Order of the Nobles of the Mystic Shrine for the United States of America will hold its Fourteenth Annual Session on MONDAY, JUNE 25, 1888, at 10 o'clock A. M. at Al Beyt Ullahi 'l Haram, Masonic Temple, Toronto, Canada.

The Headquarters of the Congress will be at the Rossin House, Toronto, Canada.

All Nobles who will be in attendance are respectfully requested to correspond with Mr. A. B. Craig, Rossin House, in reference to Rooms, that accommodations may be secured in time

It is earnestly hoped that the Officers and Representatives will be in attendance.

It is absolutely necessary that Delegates should arrive at Toronto, Canada, by Sunday evening, June 24, to facilitate dispatch of business on June 25.

RETURNS.—The Presiding Officer of every Subordinate Temple is hereby requested, if not already done, to direct his Illustrious Recorder to make out the annual RETURNS for the year ending December 31, 1887, to this Imperial Body, on or before June 1, 1888, ACCOMPANIED WITH THE INITIATION FEE FOR EVERY INITIATE, when Diplomas for every Noble will be immediately filled out by the Imperial Recorder and forwarded to the Temple (in accordance with Sections XXI. and XXXIX.)

DIPLOMAS.—All individual Nobles of the Order, not provided with DIPLOMAS, are referred to Section XXI. Statutes and Regulations, by which they are entitled to Diplomas *when their Temples return their names with the Initiation Fees*, as provided by Sections XXI. and XXXIX. The Illustrious Grand Potentates of all subordinate Temples are responsible for the enforcement of the Statutes and Regulations, and particularly of the Sections just referred to. In accordance with Section XXI., all Recorders are required to send the Fees and Names of all new Nobles as soon as created, in order that they may receive their Diplomas before the next session of their Temples. Reports made only

at the end of the year are now productive of great delay on account of the large number of orders received at one time.

TEMPLES UNDER DISPENSATION.—Temples under Dispensation are hereby ordered to transmit to the Imperial Recorder a full Report of all work done up to June 1, 1888, with the Fees for all Nobles, and accompanied with the Dispensation, for the consideration of the Imperial Council.

BUSINESS.—The Active Members of the Imperial Council are hereby requested to transmit immediately to the Imperial Recorder any complaints, suggestions, amendments, resolutions, motions, or other special business, that unnecessary delay may be avoided during the Session.

COMMITTEES.—All Committees are requested to have their Reports ready for presentation at the Session, as far as possible. All unfinished business will be found indexed on page 88 of Proceedings of 1887, with the Committees to whom referred.

NOTE.—Toronto has been selected, instead of Niagara Falls, because no convenient place could be had on either side of Niagara River for the purpose, nor at a time agreeable to the Imperial Council.

Your presence at this coming Session of the Imperial Council is fraternally solicited.

Courteously yours in the Shrine,

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"	JOHN A. SCHLENER, P., . . .	Zuhrah, Minneapolis.

VISITORS.

A large number of the Nobles of the Order, who were visitors from various parts of the United States and Canada, was present during the session.

OPENING.



THE Imperial Council in Annual Session was opened in full Ceremonial Form.

The IMPERIAL HIGH PRIEST AND PROPHET delivered the solemn Invocation of the Order.

The Imperial Council was declared open in Ample Form, and in order for business.

The Roll of Officers was called, those present are recorded above, and appointments were made to fill the vacancies temporarily, as noted in the list of Officers.

ADMISSION OF NOBLES.

On motion of Noble CHARLES H. HEYZER, it was —

Resolved, That all properly accredited Nobles of the Mystic Shrine be, and are hereby, invited to be present during the Session of the Imperial Council.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE THIRTEENTH ANNUAL SESSION.



THE Imperial Recorder announced that the Proceedings of the Thirteenth Annual Session had been printed and sent to all Members of the Imperial Council, and to all Temples.

On motion, the reading of the last Annual Proceedings was dispensed with.

On motion of Noble GEORGE W. MILLAR, it was —

Resolved, That the Proceedings of the Thirteenth Annual Session, as printed, be, and they are hereby, approved and adopted.



ABSENT OFFICERS AND MEMBERS.

LETTERS from the following Nobles, signifying their regrets at their inability to attend this Session, were received, and their names ordered to be printed in the Proceedings:

Noble EZRA S. BARTLETT,

“ FRANK H. BASCOMB,
 “ JOHN T. BRUSH,
 “ EUGENE S. ELLIOTT,
 “ CHARLES H. FLACH,
 “ WALTER M. FLEMING,
 “ WILLIAM J. FLORENCE,
 “ JAMES A. FOX,
 “ HOWARD F. HILL,
 “ JOHN A. HOLMAN,
 “ JOHN S. HOPKINS,

Noble JULIUS W. KNOWLTON,

“ FRANK E. LAND,
 “ HENRY H. MCGAFFEY,
 “ CLARENCE B. MASON,
 “ GEORGE E. PANTLIND,
 “ ALBERT L. RAWSON,
 “ OZIAS W. SHIPMAN,
 “ JUSTUS W. F. WASHBURN,
 “ MATTHEW R. WOLFF,
 “ JOHN WORTHINGTON,
 “ WILLIAM H. S. WRIGHT.



ANNUAL ADDRESS.

The Most Illustrious Potentate, SAM. BRIGGS, submitted and delivered the following Annual Address :

OASIS OF CLEVELAND, OHIO, June 15, 1888.

"There shall no fear come to you on this day, neither shall ye be grieved, who have believed in our signs, and have been Moslems : Enter ye into paradise, ye and your wives, with great joy. Dishes of gold shall be carried around unto them, and cups without handles : and therein shall they enjoy whatever their souls shall desire, and whatever their eyes shall delight in, and ye shall remain therein forever. This is paradise, which ye have inherited as a reward for that which ye have wrought. Therein ye shall have fruit in abundance, of which ye shall eat."—*Surah XLIII.*

"I am commanded to acquaint you with four things: That no idolater is to come near the Temple of Mecca after this year: That no man presume to compass the Caaba naked for the future: That none but true believers shall enter paradise: That public faith is to be kept."—*Surah IX.*

TO THE OFFICERS AND MEMBERS OF THE IMPERIAL COUNCIL,
"ES SELAMU ALEIKUM."



ILLUSTRIOUS ASSOCIATES:—Again it is our pleasure to assemble in annual session, and extending to you the salutation ordained by the Prophet, in the very fulness of its significance, I beg leave to present, in as concise form as possible, the transactions of the Imperial office during the past twelvemonth, with such comments as seem pertinent thereto.

CONDITION OF THE ORDER.

The prosperity of the institution continues unabated. Our numbers have largely increased since the Thirteenth Annual Session, and since its establishment in the Western Hemisphere it has grown with a rapidity only exceeded by the marvellous propagation of the empire and religion of Mohammed, which in less than a century spread itself over a greater portion of the world than any one nation was ever master of.

The reason for this unexampled increase is known only to the faithful worshipper; and as long as the fostering spirit of harmony is maintained, its surprising progress must continue, until there exists no community within our borders but what shall feel and acknowledge its influence to advantage.

In this connection, however, we should reflect upon the *festina lente* of the Prophet, and not allow discretion to be lost sight of in excessive zeal.

“The emulous desire of multiplying *riches* and *children* employeth you until ye visit the graves. By no means should ye thus employ your time. If ye knew the consequences hereof with certainty of knowledge, ye would not act thus. Verily, ye shall see Al Hotama,—again, ye shall surely see it with the eye of certainty.”—*Surah CII.*

THE FRATERNAL DEAD.

The Imperial Council have not been advised during the past year of the decease of any of their immediate household; but from among the membership of a subordinate Temple has been stricken down one of our fellow Nobles, whose demise—in my opinion—requires more than a passing notice from this Imperial Body.

“The remorseless Azrail hath executed his errand, and hath separated the soul from the body.” Illustrious Noble Cortes F. Holliday, the Recorder of Murat Temple, at the Oasis of Indianapolis, passed to the Unseen Temple on Monday, March 5, of the present year. A Noble exemplifying in his walk in life every virtue that might become a man, endeared to his associates by all the ties of friendship and fraternity, and embalmed in the memories of all that were the guests of Murat Temple at the Thirteenth Annual Session of this Body by his untiring courtesy and many acts of kindness and hospitality, characteristic of this most unassuming and worthy gentleman.

“His voice of mirth hath ceased
Amidst the vineyards! there is left no place
For him whose dust receives your vain embrace,
At the gay evening feast!
Earth must take earth to moulder on her breast.
Come near! weep o’er him! bear him to his rest.”

In view of the important services rendered to the Order by Noble Holliday, and the great esteem in which he was held by not only his immediate companions, but by the members of this Imperial Body, I do suggest that a page in these Proceedings be set apart as a tribute to his memory, in obedience to the sentiment enjoined in the "Treasures of Wisdom :"

"Verily, we will restore the dead to life, and will write down their works which they shall have sent before them, *and their footsteps which they shall have left behind them*, and everything do we set down in a plain register."—*Surah XXXVI.*

TRANSACTIONS OF IMPERIAL OFFICERS.

I again commend the very harmonious co-operation of the officers of the Imperial Council in their united efforts to advance the interests of our Order during the past year ; and to the Imperial Directory am I under especial obligations for advice and counsel in weighty matters affecting the future of the institution.

APPOINTMENTS, DISPENSATIONS, AND CHARTERS.

Dispensations and appointments for special purposes have been issued during the year as follows :

June 18, 1887, To the Noble E. S. Dudley, as Special Deputy to communicate Order for forming Sesostri Temple, at Lincoln, Nebraska.

June 29, 1887, To Ziyara Temple, Utica, N. Y., to receive and act on petitions at special session.

August 27, 1887, With consent of Committee on Charters and Dispensations, I continued Dispensation of Saltanat Temple, London, Ontario, until the present Session of the Imperial Council.

September 12, 1887, To Acca Temple, Richmond, Virginia, to hold special sessions.

October 20, 1887, To Syria Temple, Pittsburgh, Pa., to communicate Order for special purpose at special session.

October 25, 1887, To Osiris Temple, to confer Order on Sir W. L. Shockey, of Pueblo, Colorado.

November 21, 1887, To Syria Temple, Pittsburgh, Pa., to confer Order at special session on petitioners on that occasion elected.

December 8, 1887, To Moila Temple, St. Joseph, Mo., to communicate Order at special session for special purpose.

December 14, 1887, Appointed Illustrious Noble H. W. Huguley Special Deputy to install officers, Aleppo Temple, Boston, Mass.

December 22, 1887, Appointed Illustrious Noble Richard A. Ketner Special Deputy to install officers, Ararat Temple, Kansas City, Mo.

December 28, 1887, Appointed Illustrious Noble William H. Mayo Special Deputy to install officers, Moolah Temple, St. Louis, Mo.

January 14, 1888, To Acca Temple, Richmond, Va., to receive and act upon petitions and confer Order at special session.

January 19, 1888, Appointed Illustrious Noble James W. Cook Special Deputy to communicate Order for establishment Al Kader Temple, Portland, Oregon.

January 24, 1888, To Osman Temple, St. Paul, Minn., to receive and act upon petitions and confer Order at special session.

January 28, 1888, To Moolah Temple, St. Louis, Mo., the same.

January 28, 1888, To Almas Temple, Washington, D. C., the same.

February 2, 1888, To Ballut Abyad Temple, Albuquerque, N. M., the same.

February 2, 1888, To Pyramid Temple, Bridgeport, Conn., to confer Order on certain applicants elected prior to June 20, 1887, at rate in force prior to that date.

February 3, 1888, To Sesostris Temple, Lincoln, Nebraska, to receive and act upon petition and confer Order at special session.

February 7, 1888, To Syria Temple, Pittsburgh, Pa., the same.

February 9, 1888, To Jerusalem Temple, New Orleans, La., to confer Order on Sir Charles E. Damour, Macon, Ga.

February 20, 1888, To Osiris Temple, Wheeling, W. Va., to confer Order in open Temple at any place in West Virginia during 1888.

March 3, 1888, To Ziyara Temple, Utica, N. Y., to confer Order at special session on applicant previously elected.

March 6, 1888, To Al Koran Temple, Cleveland, O., to confer Order at special session on applicant previously elected.

March 13, 1888, Appointed Imperial Chief Rabban James H. Thompson as Special Deputy of the Imperial Council to communicate the Order to Sir C. H. Mallett and six (6) associate Knights Templar at Jacksonville, Florida, for the establishment of Morocco Temple at that place.

March 21, 1888, To Sesostris Temple, Lincoln, Neb., to hold special session, confer Order, and receive and act upon petitions.

March 26, 1888, Appointed Noble Halsey W. Lombard, of Tripoli Temple, as Special Deputy of Imperial Council to communicate Order to Sir W. N. Baldwin and five (5) associates to establish Algeria Temple at Helena, Montana.

April 12, 1888, To Lu Lu Temple, Philadelphia, to hold special session at Harrisburg, Pa., on April 25.

*April 14, 1888, To Morocco Temple, Jacksonville, Florida, to receive petitions from any State or Territory where Temples were not established, provided applicant makes written declaration *that he has not applied to, nor been rejected by, any other Temple.**

May 25, 1888, To Moolah Temple, St. Louis, to receive and act upon petitions at Special Session.

DISPENSATIONS, CHARTERS, ETC.

By resolution of Thirteenth Imperial Council, Charters were issued to—

Abdallah Temple,	Leavenworth, Kansas.
Acca Temple,	Richmond, Virginia.
Isis Temple,	Salina, Kansas.
Osiris Temple,	Wheeling, West Virginia.

During the year just ended Dispensations for the Establishment of Temples were granted as below:

June 22, 1887, Sesostris Temple, Lincoln, Nebraska.
July 2, 1887, Kismet Temple, Brooklyn, New York.
November 5, 1887, Ismailia Temple, Buffalo, New York.
December 1, 1887, Ararat Temple, Kansas City, Missouri.
December 1, 1887, Moila Temple, St. Joseph, Missouri.
December 1, 1887, El Jebel Temple, Denver, Colorado.
January 3, 1888, Al Kader Temple, Portland, Oregon.
February 20, 1888, Al Malaikah Temple, Los Angeles, California.
March 23, 1888, Algeria Temple, Helena, Montana.
March 30, 1888, Morocco Temple, Jacksonville, Florida.
April 3, 1888, El Riad Temple, Sioux Falls, Dakota.

OFFICIAL VISITS.

June 8, 1887, Conferred Order at Erie, Pa., on 38 candidates, assisted by the Divan of Syria Temple, Pittsburgh, Pa.

June 29, 1887, Ziyara Temple, Utica, N. Y., conferred Order on 38 candidates, assisted by Noble T. J. Leigh of Mecca Temple and the officers of Ziyara Temple.

June 30, 1887, Moslem Temple, Detroit, Mich., Order conferred on 92 candidates by Potentate Howard of Medinah Temple, Chicago.

July, 1887, August, 1887, Sojourned at the Oases of St. Paul and Minneapolis, Minn., partaking of "tamarinds and koumiss" with the Sheikhs Wright and Schlener of the Tribes of Osman and Zuhrah.

August 31, 1887, Officially visited Mecca Temple at New York on the occasion of the reception tendered to Illustrious John Worthington, Representative of Temples in the East.

January 25, 1888, Visited the isolated "Bektasheeyeh" at the Oasis of Hamilton, communed with the Sultani McConkey on the condition of the Tribe Rameses.

January 30, 1888, Visited Almas Temple, Washington, D. C., Order conferred on 20 candidates by Potentate Walker and Divan of Almas Temple.

January 31, 1888, Visited Boumi Temple, Baltimore, Md.

March 5, 1888, Conferred Order at Bradford, Pa., on 41 candidates, assisted by Potentate Hudson and the Divan of Syria Temple.

March 23, 1888, Officially visited Medinah Temple, Chicago, Ill.

April 26, 1888, Officially visited Moslem Temple, Detroit, Mich.

June 4, 5, 6, Visited and conferred Order at El Jebel Temple, Denver, Colorado.

June 8, Visited Isis Temple, Salina, Kansas.

June 9, Visited Ararat Temple, Kansas City, Mo., and Abdallah Temple at Leavenworth, Kansas.

June 10, Visited Moolah Temple, St. Louis, Mo.

CORRESPONDENCE.

The correspondence of this office has largely increased during the past year, indicating the growing interest in this most flourishing Order. The foundation of subordinate Temples is now being considered by prominent individuals at the following places, and the near future will probably note the permanent establishment of "Shrines" at Raleigh and Wilmington, N. C., Galveston and El Paso, Texas, Birmingham, Ala., and Memphis and Nashville, Tenn.

It was my pleasure during the past winter, with the assent of the Imperial Directory, to make amends for what appeared to me to have been an unfortunate oversight of the last Imperial Council. I allude to the services of Illustrious Noble John Worthington, the Representative of the Temples in the East, whose valuable correspondence has done so much to extend the influence of this Imperial Body, and whose many acts of courtesy extended to members of the Order who journeyed toward the East and visited the historic island of Malta—where our Representative has had his official residence for the past ten years—have endeared him to every one who has had the pleasure of personally meeting him or who was aware of the facts.

In view of these services, I felt it but proper that some recognition should be made, and I accordingly directed that the sum of \$500 be forwarded to Illustrious Noble Worthington for his acceptance, and in reply our Representative says: "I cannot, I feel, fittingly say more than to inform you that . . . it is a most opportune gift. It lightens materially the load of debt I was leaving for doctors' services while ill in London. . . . I feel that I cannot thank your Imperial Body sufficiently. I can only *try* to make you understand how sincerely and how gratefully I do thank you. *My heart is very full.* May Allah bless you and the noble Council . . . who did me this kindness! My life was well worth saving, if only that *I* might experience this high and fine act of goodness from my brother Nobles. Such an act as this stamps our Brotherhood at once as an example of what constitutes the very height of thoughtful and useful worth and excellence. I beg you to thank the Imperial Council for me, and in my name, and thank them warmly."

EXPENSES OF IMPERIAL OFFICE.

Stationery, postage, telegrams, express, etc., March 28, 1887, to May 1, 1888.....		\$53 14
Travelling expenses, March 12, 1887, to May 1, 1888.....		624 78
		\$677 92

FINANCE AND ACCOUNTS.

No comment is necessary in reference to this subject, as the condition of the treasury will be most satisfactorily apparent by reference to the Reports of the Imperial Treasurer and Recorder submitted at this Council.

GRIEVANCES AND APPEALS.

Jurisdictional difficulties between subordinate Temples continue in some localities, but with the deliberations of the present session these troubles may happily be brought to a conclusion for the future.

JURISPRUDENCE AND LAWS.

In addition to the recommendations made at the last Imperial Council, I would present the following suggestions for your consideration :

1. By-laws of subordinate Temples to be submitted to some competent authority for approval before being effective.

2. Where a second or other than the original Temple is created in any State or Territory, the applicants therefor having secured the assent of the elder Temple or Temples in such State or Territory, there shall be an agreement in writing entered into between the Temples interested, establishing definite jurisdictional boundaries for each Temple.

3. Define residence of applicant. State period of time necessary to gain residence in a Shrine jurisdiction.

4. Proxies to be allowed for representation in Imperial Council, but no proxy to be issued to any Noble not a contributing member of the Temple which he is deputed to represent, or a contributing member of a Temple in the district which he is deputed to represent.

5. In the matter of granting dispensations for the establishment of Temples, I must admit that I have been much embarrassed during the past year in resolving my mind as to the proper course to pursue. Having already on the roster of the Imperial Council Temples which do not appear to give evidence of that prosperity which was so hopefully assured, I did not desire to multiply such, and, on the other hand, the extreme anxiety and enthusiasm manifested by applicants, even in communities where the existence of sufficient material for support was not apparent, moved me largely to issue the coveted authority.

On consultation with the Directory, I find that they agree with me that some guarantee should be assured by applicants, such guarantee to be made good before Charter shall issue, and I submit to the Council that at this session they shall determine and make statutory what that guarantee shall be.

6. For the general welfare of subordinate Temples, especially those in States where but one Temple exists, I would recommend that this Council amend the present form of Petition for the Order by adding: "I also declare on my honor that I have never previously applied to, nor have I been rejected by, any other Temple."

This should prevent rejected material from making application in districts where new Temples have been or may be established, it being manifestly impracticable for the Imperial Recorder to be advised of the names of rejected applicants who may have resided in States where Temples have subsequently been established.

7. As the influence of the Order extends, and Temples are established at remote points, it seems almost indispensable that some more secure method should be established governing the visiting of Sister Temples by members of the Order.

A travelling passport, issued under the authority of the Imperial Council, under the Imperial seal and the signatures of the Imperial officers, should be substituted for the present unwieldy and, for general purposes, practically useless Diploma. And visitors should only be admitted upon presentation of such Diploma, which should bear the *visé* of the Recorder of the subordinate Temple, attested by its seal; and in cases where a visitor is not possessed of such passport he should only be admitted by absolute voucher.

"And if any . . . shall demand protection of thee, grant him protection, that he may hear the word of the Prophet; and afterward give him a safe conduct, that he may return home again securely."—*Surah LX.*

DECISIONS.

But two decisions were requested during the year, which are submitted for your consideration:

Medinah Temple:

A candidate duly elected, and having been admitted and allowed to participate in a portion of the ceremony, cannot be properly removed from the Temple or denied the balance of the formality.

Saladin Temple:

Owing to the ambiguity of Section XXVI. of Statutes, I should decide that all Temples in Michigan had concurrent jurisdiction, no agreement existing to the contrary between the Temples themselves. This for the reason, that the principle being established that no Temple can be instituted within a State where a Temple already exists without consent of such existing Temple. Such consent on the part of the elder Temple would argue either that they had agreed on division of jurisdiction by absolute boundaries, or, if not, that jurisdiction should be concurrent.

"And none denieth the same as a falsehood, except every unjust and flagitious person, who, when our signs are rehearsed unto him, saith, They are fables of the ancients."—*Surah LXXXIII.*

RITUAL.

Several suggestions have been made during the past year looking toward the elaboration and improvement of the Ritual ; but as these suggestions have only been informally made, I would request that those interested make their ideas known to the Council at this time.

CONCLUSION.

"Abandon those who make our religion a sport and a jest, and whom the present life hath deceived. . . . When thou seest those who are engaged in cavilling at or ridiculing our signs, depart from them until they be engaged in some other discourse; and if Satan cause thee to forget this precept, do not sit with those ungodly people after recollection. Therefore be not troubled at the indecent and impious talk of the infidels, taking care not to be infected by them."—*Surah VI.*

It was found necessary, and upon consultation with the officers of the Imperial Council, it was deemed advisable, to issue an Edict prescribing forms of notices for subordinate Temples, not only in the interest of uniformity and economy, but also that the dignity of the Order might be maintained, and the insignia of the subordinate Temples as well as those of the Imperial Council might be protected.

I am pleased to note that the departures from the set forms have been unimportant, and the general favor with which the "Edict" has been received abundantly evidences the fact that wisdom prevails within our borders, and the desire for the perpetuity of the Order is well founded.

And now, Illustrious Associates, in inaugurating the labors of this most important session, let us enter upon our duties with the single purpose of promoting the general good of all ; and may kind Fortune so favor us in our deliberations that the results of our labors may for all future time be considered—

"A Perfume from the realm of Wisdom wafted ;
A Rosebud blowing on the Royal Stem ;
The Crowning Jewel of the Shrine ; a *Star*
Under whose augury the Throne shall triumph."

Yours in the Faith,

SAM. BRIGGS,

IMPERIAL POTENTATE.



ADDRESS REFERRED TO SPECIAL COMMITTEE.



ON motion of Noble CHARLES H. HEYZER, it was—

Resolved, That the Annual Address of the Imperial Potentate be received, and be referred to a Special Committee for subdivision and for reference to the appropriate Committees.

COMMITTEE ON ADDRESS.

The IMPERIAL POTENTATE appointed as the Special Committee on Address:

Noble WILLIAM A. STILES,
 “ WILLIAM H. MAYO,
 “ EDWARD C CULP.

ADDRESS TO BE PRINTED.

On motion of Noble JAMES MCGEE, it was—

Resolved, That five hundred copies of the Annual Address be printed, and distributed to the Members and Nobles.

In accordance with the Resolution, the Annual Address was printed and distributed to all present.

RESIGNATIONS OF ACTIVE MEMBERS.



THE Most Illustrious IMPERIAL POTENTATE presented the resignations, in writing, of the following Nobles as Active Members of the Imperial Council:

Noble EZRA S. BARTLETT, of Philadelphia, Pa.
 “ HOWARD F. HILL, of Montpelier, Vt.
 “ OZIAS W. SHIPMAN, of Detroit, Mich.

On motion of Noble THOMAS J. HUDSON, it was—

Resolved, That the resignations of the Nobles be accepted.

ELECTION OF ACTIVE MEMBERS.

By regular nomination and due ballot the following Nobles were elected Active Members of the Imperial Council, filling the three vacancies for the unexpired terms:

Noble JOHN B. CORLISS, of Detroit, Mich.
 “ WILLIAM H. HERRICK, of Montpelier, Vt.
 “ FREDERICK LEIBRANDT, of Philadelphia, Pa.

STANDING COMMITTEES.



THE IMPERIAL POTENTATE continued the following Standing Committees, having filled several vacancies :

I.—*Transactions of the Imperial Officers.*

Noble CHARLES T. MCCLENACHAN,
“ THOMAS J. HUDSON,
“ JOHN W. HASELTINE.

II.—*Dispensations and Charters.*

Noble RICHARD P. MARVIN, JR.,
“ JAMES H. THOMPSON,
“ WILLIAM RYAN.

III.—*Finance and Accounts.*

Noble CHARLES H. HEYZER,
“ HORACE W. HUBBARD,
“ CYRUS W. EATON.

IV.—*Grievances and Appeals.*

Noble GEORGE W. MILLAR,
“ EDWARD B. JORDAN,
“ WILLIAM RYAN.

V.—*Jurisprudence and Laws.*

Noble CHARLES T. MCCLENACHAN,
“ WILLIAM B. MELISH,
“ HENRY E. HOSLEY.

VI.—*Mileage and Pay of Representatives.*

Noble JOSEPH B. EAKINS,
“ CHARLES H. HEYZER,
“ JAMES MCGEE.

VII.—*Foreign Correspondence.*

Noble CYRUS W. EATON,
“ GEORGE W. MILLAR,
“ WILLIAM S. PATERSON.

VIII.—*Ritual.*

Noble CYRUS W. EATON,
“ CHARLES T. MCCLENACHAN,
“ GEORGE W. MILLAR.

IX.—*Deceased Members.*

Noble WILLIAM C. NICKUM,
“ THOMAS J. HUDSON,
“ RICHARD P. MARVIN, JR.



REPORT OF IMPERIAL TREASURER.



Y the IMPERIAL TREASURER the following Annual Report was submitted :

NEW YORK, June 22, 1888.

To the Imperial Potentate, Officers, and Members of the Imperial Council, N. M. S. :

Your Imperial Treasurer herewith submits his annual statement of the moneys received and disbursed by him, together with the vouchers, from June 20. 1887, to June 22, 1888 :

Receipts.

June 20, 1887.	To Balance on hand.....	\$5,636 96
Nov. 19, "	To Cash from Imperial Recorder..	\$2,324 00
Dec. 1, "	" " " " ..	301 00
Jan. 4, 1888.	" " " " ..	959 00
Feb. 2, "	" " " " ..	1,884 00
March 6, "	" " " " ..	558 00
April 7, "	" " " " ..	728 00
May 5, "	" " " " ..	499 00
June 12, "	" " " " ..	1,885 00
" 21, "	" " " " ..	340 00
		\$9,478 00
Total.....		\$15,114 96

Disbursements.

1887.	No.		
June 20.	By 132,	Mileage to Representatives.....	\$878 28
" "	" 133,	T. Elmendorf, Tiling.....	5 00
" "	" 134,	Sam. Briggs, Contingencies.....	90 68
Sept. 7.	" 135,	" " " " ..	172 24
Nov. 17.	" 136,	A. H. Kellogg. Printing Proceedings of 1887,	269 85
" "	" 137,	" " " " from June to Oct..	133 45
" "	" 138,	A. L. Rawson Correspondence.....	50 00
" "	" 139,	W. S. Paterson, Postage, Expressage, etc....	109 37
" "	" 140,	" " on account Salary.	250 00
Dec. 6.	" 141,	Sackett, Wilhelms & Co., 2,897 Diplomas...	169 20
Carried forward.....			\$2,128 07

1888.		Brought forward.....	\$2,128 07
Jan. 16.	By 142, Sam. Briggs, Contingent Expenses.....	150 00	
Feb. 4.	" 143, James H. Thompson, Travelling Expenses..	42 00	
" 24.	" 144, G. W. Millar, Appropriation to John Worth- ington	500 00	
March 28.	" 145, Sam. Briggs, Contingencies.	150 00	
May 9.	" 146, J. H. Thompson, Travelling Expenses.	25 00	
June 15.	" 147, A. H. Kellogg, Printing.....	286 90	
" "	" 148, W. S. Paterson, Postage, etc	156 68	
" "	" 149, Washington Mullin, Engrossing	46 30	
" "	" 150, J. B. Eakins, Expenses to Niagara Falls....	19 50	
" "	" 151, W. S. Paterson, Balance of Salary.....	350 00	
Total.			\$3,854 45

Recapitulation.

June 22, 1888.	Total amount of Receipts.....	\$15,114 96
" "	" " " Disbursements	3,854 45

Balance on hand.....\$11,260 51

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JOSEPH M. LEVEY,
Imperial Treasurer.



BANK OF DEPOSIT VOUCHER.

THE Imperial Treasurer also presented a voucher from the Garfield National Bank, showing the amount on deposit, as follows:

GARFIELD NATIONAL BANK,
Cor. Sixth Avenue and Twenty-third Street,
NEW YORK, July 10, 1888.

This is to certify that, on the 20th day of June, 1888, there was on deposit in this Bank, to the credit of the Imperial Council, N. M. S., Ten Thousand Nine Hundred and Twenty Dollars and Fifty-one cents (\$10,920.51).

HENRY D. NORTHROP,
Cashier.

Subsequent to the above the Imperial Treasurer received from the Imperial Recorder, on June 21, 1888, Three Hundred and Forty Dollars (\$340), making the total balance on hand, when the Report was closed, \$11,260.51, as shown in the above Report.

REFERENCE OF IMPERIAL TREASURER'S REPORT.

On motion of Noble HENRY E. HOSLEY, it was—

Resolved, That the Report of the Imperial Treasurer be received, and referred to the Committee on Finance and Accounts.



REPORT OF THE IMPERIAL RECORDER.



ANNUAL Report of the IMPERIAL RECORDER was presented as follows :

NEW YORK, June 25, 1888.

To the Imperial Potentate, Officers, and Members of the Imperial Council :

Your Imperial Recorder respectfully submits the following Annual Report for the year ending 'this date :

Imperial Council.

At the close of last Annual Session, and to the present time, there are:

No. of Active Members of the Imperial Council.....	49
“ Past Active Members.....	49
“ Emeriti Members.....	6
“ Representatives of Temples in the East.....	3
“ Temples which have been Chartered to date.....	32
“ Temples under Dispensation to date.....	16

Reports of Temples.

The Reports which have been received from the various Temples are given on the table on the next page.

The Officers of the various Temples are given at the end of these Proceedings.

A Recapitulation of the Annual Reports from all the Temples shows the following totals :

No. Nobles on December 31, 1886.....	4,735
“ “ Entered the Unseen Temple.....	36
“ “ Dimitted.....	165
“ “ Suspended.....	28
“ “ Expelled.....	1

Decrease in Members..... 230

Leaving a total of.....4,505

No. Nobles Created to December 31, 1887, in Chartered Temples.....	3,299
“ “ Affiliated to date.....	103
“ “ In Temples under Dispensation in 1887 and to June 20, 1888.....	262

Increase in Nobles..... 3,664

Total Number of Nobles to date..... 8,169

Report of Temples, to January 1, 1888.

TEMPLES.	LOCATION.	Members, Dec. 31, 1886.	Died.	Dimitted.	Suspended, Expelled.	Created.	Affiliated	Charter Members.	Members, Dec. 31, 1887.	Members, June 30, 1888.
1 Abdallah	Leavenworth ..					21	24	45		
2 Acca	Richmond.....	41				40		81		
3 Aleppo.....	Boston	308	1	2		198	2	505		
4 Algeria, U. D.....	Helena.....					28	3	7		88
5 Al Kader, U. D.....	Portland, Ore..					10	17			27
6 Al Koran	Cleveland	245	2	4	2	60		297		
7 Al Malaikah, U. D.	Los Angeles.....					19	31			50
8 Almas	Washington	33	1			71		103		
9 Ararat, U. D.....	Kansas City.....					76	7			83
10 Ballut Abyad, U. D.	Albuquerque.....					14	8			22
11 Boumi.....	Baltimore.....	105			3	84		186		
12 Cyprus.....	Albany	68	2			35		101		
13 Damascus.....	Rochester	157	1	1		90		245		
14 El Jebel, U. D.....	Denver		1			164	27	16		206
15 El Kahir.....	Cedar Rapids ..	45				70	1	116		
16 El Riad, U. D.....	Sioux Falls.....					33	13			46
17 Hella, U. D.....	Dallas					39	7			46
18 Isis.....	Salina.....		40			113	24	97		
19 Islam	San Francisco..	111	1			50		160		
20 Ismailia, U. D.....	Buffalo.....					62	9	25		87 71
21 Jerusalem, U. D.....	New Orleans.....	26				16				42 40
22 Kaaba	Davenport.....	28		5		31		54		151 119
23 Kismet, U. D.....	Brooklyn.....					66	51	34		
24 Kosair.....	Louisville.....	75		1	25			99		
25 Lu Lu.....	Philadelphia.....	507	4	7	1	302		797		
26 Mecca.....	New York.....	1,018	11	71		231	3	1,170		
27 Medinah.....	Chicago.....	399	2	4	9, 1	253	8	644		
28 Moila, U. D.....	St. Joseph.....					26	8			34
29 Moolah.....	St. Louis.....	95	2	18		61		136		
30 Morocco, U. D.....	Jacksonville.....					9	7			16
31 Moslem.....	Detroit.....	131				142		273		
32 Mount Sinai.....	Montpelier.....	37	2			70		105		
33 Murat.....	Indianapolis.....	150		3		37		184		
34 Oriental.....	Troy.....	37				89		126		
35 Osiris.....	Wheeling.....	11	1			21	1	32		
36 Osman.....	St. Paul.....	82		1		42	3	126		
37 Palestine.....	Newport.....	74	1	3		23		93		
38 Pyramid.....	Bridgeport.....	204	3			80		281		
39 Rameses, U. D.....	Toronto, Can.....					26 42	7			49 33
40 Salaam.....	Olney	21		1		14		34		
41 Saladin.....	Grand Rapids.....	60				69		129		
42 Saltanat, U. D.....	London, Can.....						16			16
43 Sesostris, U. D.....	Lincoln.....					35	11			46
44 Syria.....	Pittsburgh.....	223		8		77		292		
45 Syrian.....	Cincinnati.....	222		5	3	52		266		
46 Tripoli.....	Milwaukee.....	130	1			27	2	158		
47 Ziyara.....	Utica.....	35		1		131	1	166		
48 Zuhrah.....	Minneapolis.....	57				51	1	109		
Totals.....		4,735	36	165	29	3,299	103	262	7,210	959

Receipts.

There have been received for Fees and Dues, for the year ending June 25, 1888, from the following Temples :

DATE.	TEMPLE.	Dues.	Init. Fees.	Rituals.	Dispen- sation.	Total.
June 16, 1887	Abdallah		\$16 00			
Sept. 20, "	"			\$20 00		
Jan. 7, 1888	"	\$10 00	26 00			\$72 00
" 16, "	Acca	10 00	16 00			
June 11, "	"		32 00			58 00
Oct. 4, 1887	Aleppo		78 00			
Nov. 23, "	"		112 00			
Jan. 21, 1888	"	60 00	2 00			
Feb. 7, "	"		70 00			
April 26, "	"		64 00			
June 11, "	"		120 00			506 00
Mar. 20, "	Algeria		150 00	10 00	\$50 00	
April 5, "	"			5 00		
May 17, "	"		20 00			
" 31, "	"		24 00			
June 14, "	"		12 00			271 00
Dec. 29, 1887	Al Kader		140 00	15 00	50 00	
June 20, 1888	"		20 00			225 00
April 6, "	Al Koran	30 00	120 00			150 00
Feb. 8, "	Al Malaikah				50 00	
" 21, "	"			10 00		
June 18, "	"		38 00			98 00
May 15, "	Almas	20 00	142 00			162 00
Dec. 1, 1887	Ararat			10 00	50 00	
Jan. 13, 1888	"		32 00			
June 11, "	"		120 00			212 00
Jan. 18, "	Ballut Abyad	10 00	14 00			
" 21, "	"		4 00			
June 5, "	"		10 00			38 00
July 1, 1887	Boumi		112 00			
Nov. 7, "	"		38 00			
Dec. 2, "	"		18 00			
Jan. 4, 1888	"	20 00				
" 28, "	"		14 00			202 00
Dec. 28, 1887	Cyprus		34 00			
May 4, 1888	"	20 00				54 00
Aug. 1, 1887	Damascus		30 00			
Oct. 8, "	"		20 00			
Sept. 15, "	"		28 00			
Jan. 30, 1888	"		104 00			
May 19, "	"	40 00				
June 8, "	"	20 00				242 00
Nov. 30, 1887	El Jebel			10 00	50 00	
June 6, 1888	"		310 00			
" 11, "	"		98 00			
" 15, "	"	30 00				498 00
Carried forward		270 00	2,188 00	80 00	250 00	2,788 00

Nobles of the Mystic Shrine.

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Receipts—Continued.

DATE.	TEMPLE.	Dues.	Init. Fees.	Rituals.	Dispen- sation.	Total.
Brought forward		\$270 00	\$2,188 00	\$80 00	\$250 00	\$2,788 00
July 11, 1887	El Kahir		34 00			
Nov. 7, "	"		50 00			
" 19, "	"			5 00		
Jan. 10, 1888	"	20 00	56 00			
Feb. 26, "	"		112 00			277 00
April 3, "	El Riad			10 00	50 00	
June 11, "	"		66 00			126 00
" 20, 1887	Hella		34 00			
Dec. 24, "	"	10 00	40 00			
Feb. 2, 1888	"		4 00			88 00
June 20, 1887	Isis		98 00			
" 8, 1888	"	10 00	48 00			156 00
Oct. 22, 1887	Islam		84 00			
Jan. 24, 1888	"	20 00	16 00			
Mar. 29, "	"			5 00		125 00
Nov. 7, 1887	Ismailia			15 00	50 00	
Mar. 10, 1888	"	10 00	92 00			
May 8, "	"		32 00			190 00
Jan. 3, "	Jerusalem		28 00			
June 15, "	"	30 00	4 00			62 00
Nov. 1, 1887	Kaaba		14 00			
" 23, "	"		4 00			
Jan. 9, 1888	"	10 00	2 00			
Mar. 1, "	"		8 00			38 00
Aug. 22, 1887	Kismet			10 00		
Oct. 21, "	"			10 00		
Jan. 18, 1888	"	20 00	78 00			
June 6, "	"		54 00			172 00
Feb. 9, "	Kosair	10 00				
" 20, "	"		36 00			
May 23, "	"		30 00			76 00
Jan. 7, "	Lu Lu	80 00	604 00			684 00
Aug. 31, 1887	Mecca		80 00			
Oct. 31, "	"		60 00			
Dec. 30, "	"	120 00	46 00			
Jan. 30, 1888	"		34 00			
Feb. 29, "	"		20 00			
April 30, "	"		36 00			
May 31, "	"		88 00			484 00
Sept. 28, 1887	Medinah		174 00			
Oct. 8, "	"		294 00			
Dec. 5, "	"	70 00	38 00			
Jan. 2, 1888	"		2 00			
April 13, "	"		42 00			
May 17, "	"		18 00			
June 11, "	"		48 00			686 00
Carried forward		680 00	4,796 00	135 00	350 00	5,961 00

*The Imperial Council.**Receipts—Continued.*

DATE	TEMPLE.	Dues.	Init. Fees.	Rituals.	Dispen- sation.	Total.
Brought forward		\$680 00	\$4,796 00	\$185 00	\$350 00	\$5,961 00
Dec. 1, 1887	Moila..			10 00	50 00	
" 31, "	"		10 00			
June 12, 1888	"		42 00			112 00
Oct. 24, 1887	Moolah..		10 00			
Jan. 23, 1888	"	20 00	122 00			152 00
Mar. 28, "	Morocco		175 00	10 00		
April 7, "	"				50 00	
May 23, "	"		18 00			
" 29, "	"	10 00				263 00
July 11, 1887	Moslem..		214 00			
Nov. 23, "	"		10 00			
Dec. 16, "	"		44 00			
" 22, "	"	30 00				
Feb. 2, 1888	"		2 00			
Mar. 15, "	"		2 00			
May 31, "	"		68 00			370 00
July 12, 1887	Mount Sinai		26 00			
" 16, "	"		8 00			
Oct. 8, "	"		12 00			
" 26, "	"		6 00			
Nov. 1, "	"		2 00			
" 19, "	"			5 00		
Jan. 11, 1888	"	20 00	46 00			
Mar. 24, "	"		14 00			139 00
July 5, 1887	Murat..		36 00			
Jan. 9, 1888	"	20 00	18 00			
June 2, "	"		52 00			126 00
Mar. 17, "	Oriental	20 00	178 00			198 00
Nov. 15, 1887	Osiris..		2 00			
Jan. 9, 1888	"	10 00				
May 31, "	"		42 00			54 00
Sept. 24, 1887	Osman..		14 00			
Oct. 25, "	"		10 00			
Jan. 17, 1888	"	20 00	2 00			
Feb. 13, "	"		48 00			
May 10, "	"		4 00			
" 15, "	"		4 00			102 00
Jan. 12, "	Palestine	20 00	196 00			216 00
June 16, 1887	Pyramid	30 00				
Jan. 11, 1888	"	30 00				
" 27, "	"		32 00			
Mar. 2, "	"		2 00			
April 26, "	"		18 00			
May 31, "	"		72 00			184 00
Jan. 7, "	Rameses		10 00			
Feb. 23, "	"		20 00			
June 2, "	"		24 00			54 00
Carried forward		910 00	6,411 00	160 00	450 00	7,931 00

Receipts—Concluded.

DATE.	TEMPLE.	Dues.	Init. Fees.	Rituals.	Dispensation.	Total.
Brought forward		\$910 00	\$6,411 00	\$160 00	\$450 00	\$7,931 00
June 16, 1887	Salaam		12 00			
Jan. 14, 1888	"	10 00	16 00			
June 14, "	"	10 00	8 00			56 00
Dec. 21, 1887	Saladin	20 00	174 00			
Feb. 23, 1888	"	10 00	20 00			224 00
June 24, 1887	Sesostris		70 00	10 00	50 00	
Dec. 28, "	"	10 00	70 00			210 00
Oct. 12, "	Syria		106 00			
Feb. 7, 1888	"	30 00	48 00			
June 18, "	"		188 00			372 00
May 7, "	Syrian			5 00		
" 11, "	"	30 00	104 00			139 00
April 9, "	Tripoli	20 00	54 00			74 00
July 19, 1887	Ziyara		136 00			
Nov. 17, "	"		126 00			
Feb. 14, 1888	"	20 00				
Mar. 16, "	"		2 00			
May 11, "	"		20 00			304 00
Sept. 26, 1887	Zuhrah		42 00			
Nov. 9, "	"		58 00			
Feb. 16, 1888	"	20 00	28 00			
May 15, "	"		20 00			168 00
Totals		1,090 00	7,713 00	175 00	500 00	9,478 00

Recapitulation of above Receipts.

Receipts for Dispensation Fees	\$500 00
" Annual Dues	1,090 00
" Initiation Fees	7,713 00
" Rituals	175 00

Total paid Imperial Treasurer.....\$9,478 00

Receipts since and at this Session.

June 22, 1888.	Ararat Temple, Dues	\$10 00
" 23, "	Moila Temple, Dues	10 00
" 25, "	Hella Temple, Dues and 41 Initiations	92 00
" " "	Abdallah Temple, 11 Initiations	22 00
" 30, "	Algeria Temple, Dues	10 00

Total.....\$144 00

With many thanks to the Officers of the Subordinate Temples, and the Members of the Imperial Council, for their kindness,

I am courteously yours,

WILLIAM S. PATERSON,

Imperial Recorder.

REFERENCE OF IMPERIAL RECORDER'S REPORT.

On motion of Noble GEORGE W. MILLAR, it was—

Resolved, That the Annual Report of the Imperial Recorder be received, and referred to the Committee on Finance and Accounts.

COMMITTEE ON NEXT ANNUAL SESSION.



S the Committee on Place for the next Annual Session, the IMPERIAL POTENTATE appointed :

Noble JOSEPH B. EAKINS,
 “ THOMAS J. HUDSON,
 “ WILLIAM H. MAYO.

INVITATIONS FOR NEXT ANNUAL SESSION.



EDINAH Temple and Lu Lu Temple tendered the following invitations to the Imperial Council to meet in their localities in 1889, which were, on motion, received, and referred to the Committee on Place for next Annual Session :

Invitation of Lu Lu Temple.

TORONTO, CANADA, June 25, 1888.

To the Officers and Members of the Imperial Council, A. A. O. N. M. S., for the United States :

At a regular Stated Session of Lu Lu Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., held on Wednesday evening, June 6, 1888, the following Resolution was offered and unanimously adopted :

Resolved, That the Active Members of the Imperial Council of Lu Lu Temple be, and are hereby, directed to invite the Imperial Council, A. A. O. N. M. S., for the United States, to hold their Annual Session in the City of Philadelphia, Pa., in 1889.

In compliance with the above, we extend you the invitation, as directed by Lu Lu Temple.

JOSEPH S. WRIGHT,
 EDWARD B. JORDAN,
 JOHN W. HASELTINE,
 F. LEIBRANDT,

Active Members of Imperial Council.

Invitation of Medinah Temple.

MEDINAH TEMPLE,
Ancient Arabic Order, Nobles of the Mystic Shrine,
OASIS OF CHICAGO, June 22, 1888.

*To the Illustrious Imperial Potentate, Officers, and Members of the
Imperial Council. N. M. S., Toronto, Canada :*

ILLUSTRIOUS SIRS :—Business, over which I have no possible control, absolutely prevents my being with you at this meeting. It does not, however, prevent my ambition, my heart and soul, from a most vigorous and profound interest in the affairs of the Mystic Shrine. The promotion of those principles which shall ripen into the grandest possible results for our much loved Order is my fondest social hope, and I bespeak for this meeting, and its results a condition which means fraternity of purpose, and future grand success.

Chicago and its environs number nearly, if not quite, one million people, and I need not tell you that each and all of its inhabitants are living, hurrying, active men, women, and children. Your Council will be so familiar with the statistics that I need not mention the large amount of material within the jurisdiction of Medinah Temple, from which it may increase its numbers. I am glad, however, to say that no more enthusiastic band of Nobles live on the face of the earth, than those who are Members of Medinah Temple. They have the work of progress, fellowship, and fraternity, so closely allied to their very selves, that it is a part of themselves. And I need not say anything about the geographical position of Chicago in relation to this Continent : that it is the most central city of any importance in America. there is no doubt ; and that it is to be reached from all points most easily ; and that it is probably frequented by more persons who are members of our Order than any other of our cities, cannot be questioned. At the last meeting of our Temple it was unanimously resolved that our delegates in the Imperial Council use their utmost influence to procure the next triennial meeting of the Imperial Council to be held in this city. Should it be in keeping with the will of the Imperial Council to comply with this request, I am at liberty to assure the Council that Medinah Temple, and all its Members. will be ready to be commanded by your Imperial Body. I am confident that the attendance at that meeting would be greatly augmented, and that the general good of the Order would be largely promoted, by holding the meeting in Chicago rather than in New York or elsewhere in the East, which is so much at one side of this now mighty Republic.

In behalf of the Members of Medinah Temple, I ask your most generous consideration of this proposition, and promise that the utmost shall be done by every Member of Medinah Temple for the aggrandizement of the Mystic Shrine.

Believing that your deliberations will be guided by great wisdom, and your legislation by such acts as will indeed make all who are to be bound thereby the best of Nobles, I beg to remain,

Most Sincerely and Fraternally,

Yours in the Faith,

MARTIN HOWARD,

Potentate Medinah Temple.



LETTER FROM MRS. JOHN WORTHINGTON.

THE IMPERIAL POTENTATE presented and read the following letter from Mrs. JOHN WORTHINGTON, which was received, and ordered to be printed in the Proceedings:

CONSULATE OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,
MALTA, May 17, 1888.

MY DEAR BRIGGS:

Your two letters were duly received. I will do my best, but I am awfully afraid that I may not be able to get in my annual report for the Imperial Council in time for your June meeting. I have been ill and in bed, and unable to do any work during the last six weeks, and am still not able to go downstairs to my office. I hope soon I shall be all right, a conclusion most devoutly to be wished for.

I will write you more at length when I feel stronger and in better spirits. Thanks for all the kind things you say in your letters. I appreciate it all, and feel most grateful. It is just possible that I may be compelled to seek a cure for my ailment (acute neuralgia in chest and arm) at one of the hot volcanic baths of Southern Italy. The doctors tell me this illness is the result of weakness and debility, resulting from the severe attack of inflammation of the lungs I suffered from last winter in London, while *en route* to Malta, and a change for a time to a cooler place in connection with the baths is not only advisable, but a necessity.

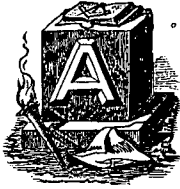
In the meantime, dear Briggs, believe me,

Faithfully and devotedly yours,

JOHN WORTHINGTON,

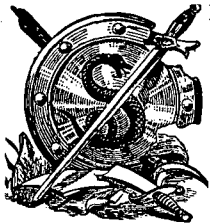
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INVITATIONS TO IMPERIAL COUNCIL.



AN invitation from Noble J. BRUCE to photograph the Members of the Imperial Council, and invitations from Illustrious Potentate GEORGE S. MCCONKEY, tendering the courtesies, excursions, and entertainments of Rameses Temple to the Members and their Ladies, were, on motion, received, and gratefully accepted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ADDRESS.



SPECIAL Committee on the Annual Address presented the following Report :

The Committee to whom was referred the Annual Address of the Imperial Potentate beg leave to submit the following Report :

First—The portion of the Address that relates to the condition of the Order at the present time should be a source of just pride to every Noble of the Mystic Shrine, and it is a recognized fact that no small share of our prosperity is due to the indefatigable zeal of our Imperial Potentate.

Second—We heartily concur in the recommendation of the Imperial Potentate, that a page of the Report of the Proceedings of this Imperial body be set apart as a tribute to the memory of Noble CORTES F. HOLLIDAY.

Third—That the portion of the Address referring to Appointments, Dispensations, and Charters be referred to the Committee having those matters in charge.

Fourth—That all matters in the Address relating or referring to Finance and Accounts be referred to the Committee on Finance and Accounts.

Fifth—That all reference to Grievances and Appeals be referred to the Committee on Grievances and Appeals.

Sixth—That the Committee on Jurisprudence and Laws report on all references contained in the Address to Jurisprudence, Laws, and Statutes.

WILLIAM A. STILES,
WILLIAM H. MAYO,
EDWARD C. CULP,
Committee.

On motion of Noble JOHN H. GRAY, the Report of the Committee on Address was received, the Committee were discharged with the thanks of the Imperial Council, and the subjects ordered to be referred as recommended.

NECESSARY CHANGE OF PLACE OF THIS SESSION.



HE IMPERIAL POTENTATE explained the reasons which induced him to change the place of meeting of this Session from Niagara Falls to Toronto, Canada.

On motion of Noble WILLIAM RYAN, it was—

Resolved, That the action of the Imperial Potentate, with reference to changing the place of meeting of this Session, which was for the best interests of the Imperial Council, be approved.

GRIEVANCES AND APPEALS.



HE IMPERIAL POTENTATE presented several documents concerning grievances from Saltanat Temple, from Ziyara and Damascus Temples, and from Kaaba and El Kahir Temples, which were, on motion, referred to the Committee on Grievances and Appeals for investigation.

MUSICAL SERVICES OF TEMPLES.



Noble EDWARD C. CULP offered the following Resolutions on the collection and publication of the Musical Services of Temples:

Resolved, That the Imperial Potentate and Imperial Recorder be authorized and requested to collect and publish all the music now in use in the subordinate Temples, at the expense of the Imperial Council.

Resolved, That the Potentate and Recorder of every subordinate Temple be requested to co-operate with the Imperial Recorder in collecting the local music in use in the subordinate Temples, to the end that such publication may be promptly issued.

Resolved. That these resolutions be made to cover all the music and words of all songs, anthems, etc., both ritualistic and otherwise, in use in all Temples in this jurisdiction.

On motion, the Resolutions were received, and referred to the Committee on Ritual, with directions to report at this Session.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON DISPENSATIONS AND CHARTERS.



On Dispensations and Charters, the Committee presented the following Report :

We, the Committee on Charters and Dispensations, do respectfully report as follows :

We recommend that Charters be granted by this Imperial Body to the following Temples which are now under Dispensation :

ALGERIA.....	Helena, Montana.
AL MALAIKAH.....	Los Angeles, California.
ARARAT.....	Kansas City, Missouri.
EL JEBEL.....	Denver, Colorado.
EL RIAD.....	Sioux Falls, Dakota.
HELLA.....	Dallas, Texas.
ISMAILIA.....	Buffalo, New York.
JERUSALEM.....	New Orleans, Louisiana.
KISMET.....	Brooklyn, New York.
MOROCCO.....	Jacksonville, Florida.
RAMESES.....	Toronto, Canada.
SESOSTRIS.....	Lincoln, Nebraska.

We further recommend that the following Temples be continued under Dispensation for one year :

BALLUT ABYAD.....	Albuquerque, New Mexico.
AL KADER.....	Portland, Oregon.
MOILA.....	Saint Joseph, Missouri.

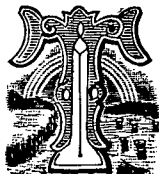
We further recommend that the Imperial Potentate be instructed to withdraw the Dispensation formerly granted to

SALTANAT TEMPLE.....	London, Ontario.
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RICHARD P. MARVIN, JR.,
JAMES H. THOMPSON,
WILLIAM RYAN,
Committee.

On motion, the Report was received, and the Recommendations were adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FINANCE AND ACCOUNTS.



THE Committee on Finance and Accounts presented the following Report :

To the Imperial Potentate and Members of the Imperial Council :

Your Committee on Finance and Accounts beg to submit the following Report :

We have carefully examined the financial accounts of the M. I. Imperial Potentate, the Imperial Treasurer, and the Imperial Recorder, together with the accompanying vouchers and bills, and find them correct.

Your Committee recommend that five hundred copies of the Proceedings of this Annual Session of the Imperial Council be printed, at an expense of not over three hundred and fifty dollars (\$350.)

We recommend that a warrant be drawn in favor of Noble Theodore Elmendorf, for mileage and per diem, for services as Ill. Imperial Assistant Guard during the present Session.

We recommend that the salary of the Imperial Recorder for the ensuing year be the same as last year, that of six hundred dollars.

We find the amount of cash in the Treasury, as per Report of the Imperial Treasurer, to be eleven thousand two hundred and sixty dollars and fifty-one cents (\$11,260.51).

And further, your Committee recommend that Representatives be allowed three cents per mile each way travelled, and five dollars per diem, during the Sessions of the Imperial Council.

The Committee find that Saltanat Temple has paid no dues since July 28, 1886, and we recommend that, unless all claims be paid, the Imperial Potentate be instructed to recall their Dispensation.

We congratulate the Imperial Council on the healthy state of the Imperial Treasury.

We find on examination that the Imperial Potentate has travelled about ten thousand miles on no other business than that of the Shrine, and we recommend that not only his railroad fares be paid, but that he be allowed to draw five dollars per diem while on such business.

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES H. HEYZER,
HORACE W. HUBBARD,
CYRUS W. EATON,

Committee.

On motion, the Report was received, and the Recommendations were adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON GRIEVANCES AND APPEALS.



REPORT of Committee on Grievances and Appeals was presented, as follows :

The Committee on Grievances and Appeals, to whom were referred the several matters relating to a number of the Temples, believe that they can be readily adjusted by the provisions of the new Constitution to be presented and adopted at this Session, and they therefore recommend that these matters be referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence and Laws.

GEORGE W. MILLAR,
EDWARD B. JORDAN,
WILLIAM RYAN,

Committee.

On motion, the Report was received, and the Recommendation adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RITUAL.



COMMITTEE on Ritual presented the following Report :

To the Imperial Potentate and Members of the Imperial Council :

Your Committee to whom were referred the Resolutions on Musical Services of Temples beg to report :

That they are heartily in favor of a complete compilation of music for the use of subordinate Temples in the conferring of the Order.

The Committee therefore present the following Resolutions, and suggest their adoption by the Imperial Council :

Resolved, That the Imperial Potentate and the Imperial Recorder be, and they are hereby, directed and requested to revise the music submitted by the various Temples, and to stereotype and publish five hundred copies of the same as revised, at the expense of the Imperial Council.

Resolved, That the Imperial Recorder be directed to send five (5) copies, free of charge, to each subordinate Temple, immediately upon publication of the same, and to hold the other copies subject to the orders of the Imperial Potentate and the Imperial Council.

Respectfully submitted,

CYRUS W. EATON,
CHARLES T. MCCLENACHAN,
GEORGE W. MILLAR,

Committee.

On motion, the Report was received, and the Resolutions were adopted.

THE NEW CONSTITUTION.



OR the Committee on Jurisprudence and Laws, Noble WILLIAM B. MELISH stated that they were ready to submit their Report on the new Constitution, and they desired that all proposed amendments or suggestions to be presented at this Session be referred to the Committee for their consideration, and the Report be made a special order immediately after the Recess.

The Committee also desired to state that the printed Report could not be sent out as required by the Resolution of last year, but that copies had been sent to all Members and Temples about twenty days before this Session, and they believed that this would meet the approval of the Imperial Council.

On motion of Noble JOSEPH S. WRIGHT, it was—

Resolved, That the action of the Committee in relation to the new Constitution be, and it is hereby, approved, and that the Recommendations be adopted.

RECESS.



SHORT Recess was, on motion, here taken, after which the Session was resumed.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON JURISPRUDENCE AND LAWS.



COMMITTEE on Jurisprudence and Laws presented the following Report on the Constitution :

To the Imperial Council:

It is suggested by your Committee, in submitting a draught of a Constitution which in many respects changes the existing Statutes, that they present the same as a united Committee, although in some of the sections they are not reconciled as to what would be for the best interests of the Order. In such cases where these differences exist the Committee submit their respective views, desiring the counsel and wisdom of the Imperial Body to pass upon them. They have no doubt that in so doing the same harmony and generous spirit that have pervaded the Committee in their deliberations will be exercised by all the Members of the Imperial Council for the general good, and to obtain the very best fundamental law for an institution that has been so

remarkable in its growth as to require great changes in its Constitutional government.

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES T. McCLENACHAN,
WILLIAM B. MELISH,
HENRY E. HOSLEY, .

Committee.

On motion, the Report was received, and the new Constitution ordered to be submitted and taken up by Sections *seriatim*.

ADOPTION OF THE NEW CONSTITUTION.



HE Sections were presented *seriatim*, thoroughly discussed by the Active Members, and separately accepted.

On motion, it was unanimously—

Resolved, That the Constitution, as now accepted, be adopted.

PRINTING AND DISTRIBUTION OF CONSTITUTION.



OVED by Noble C. T. McCLENACHAN, the following Resolution was adopted :

Resolved, That the printing and issuing of the newly revised Constitution of this Imperial Council be placed in the hands of the Committee on Jurisprudence and Laws, subject to the following instructions, to wit : they shall print two thousand copies at the expense of the Imperial Council. They shall print with said Constitution the form of Petition adopted by the Imperial Council, form of Petitions for Dispensations or Charters, form of Dimit, and form of Diplomas. They shall issue ten copies to each subordinate Temple. The balance of the copies of the Constitution shall be placed in the hands of the Imperial Recorder, subject to the order of the Imperial Potentate.



JEWELS OF THE DIRECTORY.

OBLE RICHARD P. MARVIN, JR., observed that the Constitution had abrogated the Imperial Directory, and offered the following Resolution :

Resolved, That the Jewels of Office of the Imperial Directory now held by them be, and the same are hereby, presented to the past Directors thereof, being Nobles WALTER M. FLEMING, GEORGE W. MILLAR, and WILLIAM B. MELISH.

Which was adopted.

EXTRA PROCEEDINGS FOR MURAT TEMPLE.

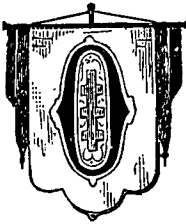


MPERIAL POTENTATE submitted the desire of Noble JOHN T. BRUSH, Potentate of Murat Temple, who was unable to be present on account of illness, to have two hundred and fifty extra copies of this year's Proceedings for distribution to the Nobles of his Temple.

On motion, it was—

Resolved, That the Imperial Recorder be, and he is hereby, directed to furnish to Murat Temple two hundred and fifty extra copies of the Annual Proceedings of this year, at the cost price therefor.

MILEAGE TO NEW MEMBERS AND REPRESENTATIVES.



N motion, it was—

Resolved, That the Active Members elected at this Session be allowed the same mileage and per diem as the rest of the Active Members.

Resolved, That the subject of mileage and per diem of those Nobles who represent such Temples as are not already represented by Active Members be referred to the Committee on Mileage, with power.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON MILEAGE.



Y the Committee on Mileage and Pay of Representatives the following Report was offered :

To the Imperial Council, Nobles of the Mystic Shrine :

Your Committee on Mileage and Pay of Representatives of the Imperial Council beg leave to recommend that the Active Members of the Imperial Council be paid mileage at the rate of three cents per mile each way travelled, computed by the shortest railroad route, and that they be allowed per diem for three days, at the rate of five dollars a day, in accordance with the Recommendation of the Committee on Finance and Accounts.

The Committee have considered the matter of mileage and per diem to such Nobles as represent their Temples, which are not already represented by the Active Members, which was referred to them by the Imperial Council, and do also recommend that such Representatives be allowed mileage and per diem at the same rates as allowed to the Active Members.

The Committee also report that, in cases where the amount of Receipts from the Temples for the past year is less than the amount of mileage for their Active Members or Representatives, the latter amount was limited to the receipts from such Temples.

The Committee, therefore, recommend that the amounts set opposite to the names of the Active Members and Representatives be paid, as follows :

Active Members.

Noble George P. Balmain, Pittsburgh, Pa.	\$36.06
" Thaddeus B. Beecher, Bridgeport, Conn.	50.16
" Preston Belvin, Richmond, Va.	55.98
" Sam. Briggs, Cleveland, O.	32.34
" Benjamin W. Browne, Washington, D. C.	48.18
" John B. Corliss, Detroit, Mich.	30.48
" Edward C. Culp, Salina, Kan.	90.36
" Joseph B. Eakins, New York, N. Y.	46.80
" Cyrus W. Eaton, Cedar Rapids, Iowa	58.62
" John H. Gray, San Francisco, Cal.	120.00
" John W. Haseltine, Philadelphia, Pa.	47.40
" William H. Herrick, Montpelier, Vt.	41.04
" Charles H. Heyzer, New York, N. Y.	46.80
" Henry E. Hosley, South Boston, Mass.	55.74
" Horace W. Hubbard, Cleveland, O.	32.34
" Thomas J. Hudson, Pittsburgh, Pa.	36.06
" Edward B. Jordan, Philadelphia, Pa.	47.40
" Frederick Leibrandt, Philadelphia, Pa.	47.40
" Joseph M. Levey, New York, N. Y.	46.80
" Frank Locke, Boston, Mass.	55.74
" Charles T. McClenachan, New York, N. Y.	46.80
" James McGee, New York, N. Y.	46.80
" Richard P. Marvin, Jr., Akron, O.	35.58
" John A. May, Chicago, Ill.	45.30
" William H. Mayo, St. Louis, Mo.	62.34
" William B. Melish, Cincinnati, O.	44.52
" George W. Millar, New York, N. Y.	46.80
" William C. Nickum, Baltimore, Md.	45.78
" William S. Paterson, New York, N. Y.	46.80
" William Ryan, Louisville, Ky.	52.80
" William A. Stiles, Chicago, Ill.	45.30
" James H. Thompson, Chicago, Ill.	45.30
" Joseph S. Wright, Philadelphia, Pa.	47.40
Total.....	\$1,637.22

Representatives of Temples.

Noble Ethelbert F. Allen, P., Kansas City, Mo	\$73.44
“ Joseph K. Ashby, P., Dallas, Texas	88.00
“ Henry J. Coggeshall, P., Utica, N. Y	28.80
“ Lewis P. Dosh, P., Davenport, Iowa.....	38.00
“ Henry B. Gillespie, C. R., Denver, Colo	112.08
“ Richard A. Ketner, P., Leavenworth, Kan.....	72.12
“ George F. Loder, P., Rochester, N. Y	24.54
“ William D. Stites, P., Sioux Falls, Dakota.....	75.54
“ Henry Stowell, P., Troy, N. Y.....	37.92
“ Wayland Trask, P., Brooklyn, N. Y.....	46.80
Total.....	<u>\$597.24</u>

Total mileage for 1888..... \$2,284.46

Respectfully submitted,

JOSEPH B. EAKINS,
CHARLES H. HEYZER,
JAMES MCGEE,

Committee.

On motion, the Report was received, and the Recommendations were adopted.



REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON NEXT ANNUAL SESSION.

SPECIAL Committee on Place for the next Annual Session offered the following Majority and Minority Reports :

Majority Report.

Your Committee on selecting Place for the next Annual Meeting recommend that the next Annual Session of the Imperial Council be held at the City of Chicago, Illinois, in the month of June, 1889, notification of the date thereof to be given by the Most Illustrious Imperial Potentate.

Respectfully submitted,

JOSEPH B. EAKINS,
WILLIAM H. MAYO,

Of Committee.

Minority Report.

Your Committee on selecting Place for the next Annual Meeting recommend that the next Annual Session of the Imperial Council be held at the City of Philadelphia, Pa., in the month of June, 1889, notification of the date thereof to be given by the Most Illustrious Imperial Potentate.

THOMAS J. HUDSON,
Of Committee.

A motion to receive and adopt the Minority Report was lost.

On motion, the Majority Report was received and adopted, and the Committee were discharged, with the thanks of the Imperial Council.



TRAVELLING CERTIFICATE.

MOVED by Noble JOSEPH B. EAKINS, it was—

Resolved, That the Imperial Potentate and the Imperial Recorder be empowered to design and procure a small Travelling Certificate, for the use of the Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, to be issued instead of the present unwieldy Diploma.

PUBLICATION OF EARLY PROCEEDINGS.



ON motion of Noble JOSEPH M. LEVEY, it was—

Resolved, That the Imperial Recorder be directed to publish the early Proceedings of the Imperial Council which have not been printed, and issue the same immediately after the Proceedings of the present Session are printed, and that one copy be sent to all present and past Officers, Active Members, and Potentates and Recorders of Temples.

LIST OF MEMBERS OF TEMPLES.



ON motion of Noble WILLIAM B. MELISH, it was—

Resolved, That the Imperial Recorder be, and he is hereby, instructed to prepare blanks, and obtain from the Temples subordinate to this Imperial Council a complete list of Members of the Order, corrected up to May 1, 1889.

Resolved, That this list of Members be printed with the Proceedings of this Imperial Council for the Session of 1889.

THANKS TO MASONIC HALL BOARD OF TORONTO.



ON motion of Noble JOSEPH S. WRIGHT moved, and it was—

Resolved, That the thanks of the Imperial Council of the Ancient Arabic Order of the Nobles of the Mystic Shrine for North America are eminently due, and are hereby gratefully extended, to the Masonic Hall Board of Toronto, Canada, for their great courtesy and generous kindness in tendering the use of the Masonic Hall, of Toronto, for this Annual Session.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON DECEASED MEMBERS.

The Committee on Deceased Members presented the following Report :

To the Imperial Potentate, Officers, and Members of the Imperial Council :



URING the past year, the Committee on Deceased Members observe that He who ruleth all things has been pleased to keep intact the loving Band of Nobles who compose this Imperial Body, and prospered its work exceedingly. We pray that they may merit a long life, and that their works may find pleasure in His sight.

In the subordinate Temples we note that a number of the Members of several Temples have been called to their reward, all of whom have been active in their various spheres of life and in their chosen fields of Masonic and Shrine service. They have passed through many trials in their steps onward to our ranks, and have been bright exemplars of duty and fidelity in our Order. Their noble deeds and shining examples will be cherished by those who knew them best, and the memory of the dear ones who led them in the paths of knowledge will be lovingly enshrined. The sympathy of the Imperial Council is tendered to those Temples that have been bereft of counsellors and leaders, and, while the record of their virtues shall be imprinted on the tablets of our minds, we frame their names in the lettered volume as a perpetual memorial.

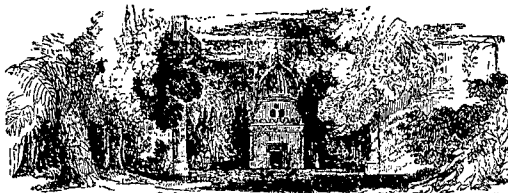
In accordance with the Imperial Potentate in his Annual Address, we recommend that the Memorial presented by Noble John T. Brush, Potentate of Murat Temple, on the life of Illustrious Noble Cortes F. Holliday, the Recorder of that Temple, be inserted on our Records.

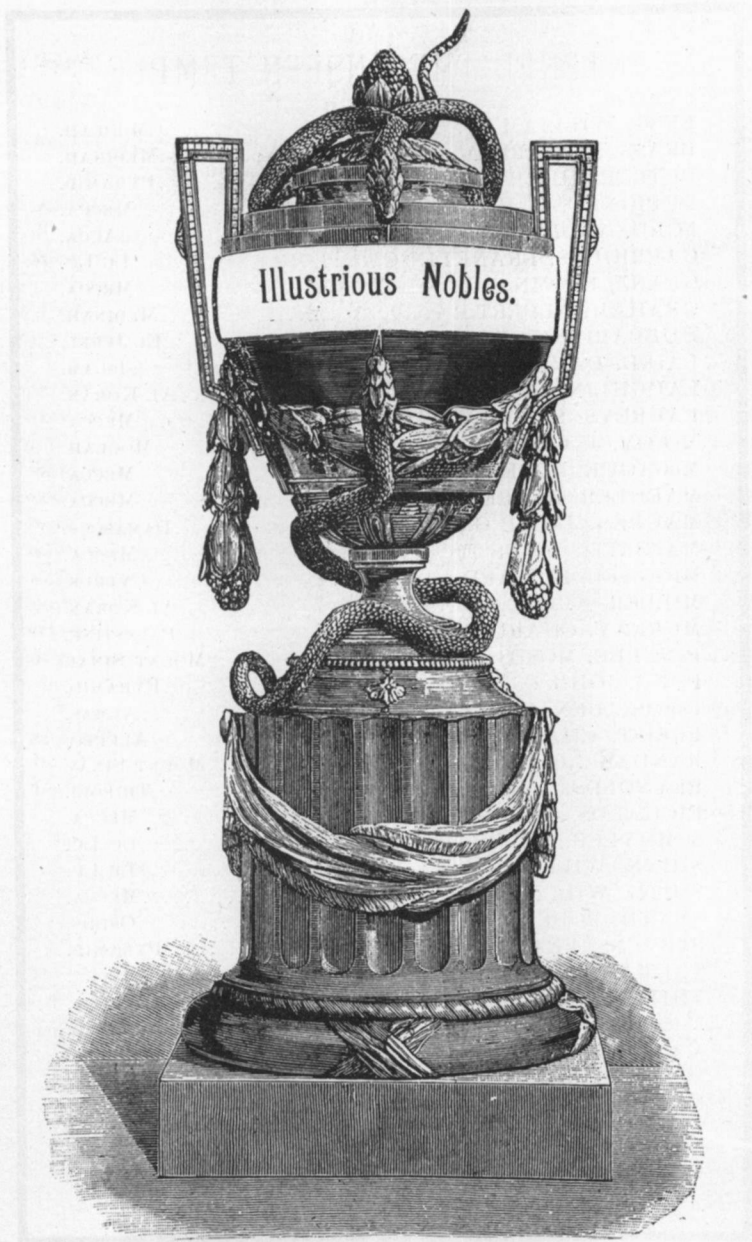
Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM C. NICKUM,
THOMAS J. HUDSON,
RICHARD P. MARVIN, JR.,

Committee.

The Report was received, and the Recommendation approved.





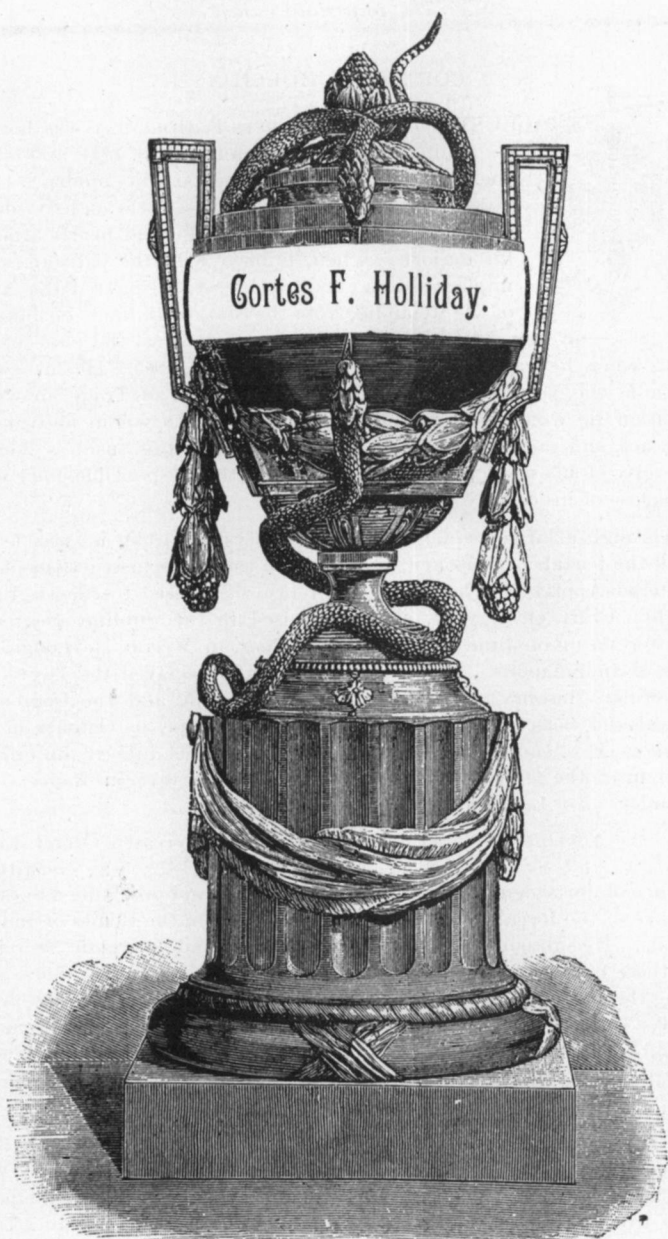
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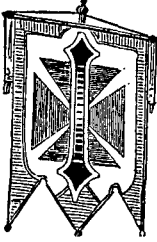
BENT, WILLIAM E.....	MOOLAH.
BRASS, EDWARD A.....	MEDINAH.
BUTLER, HENRY C.....	PYRAMID.
DUPIGNAC, B. HOWE.....	MECCA.
FORD, ANDREW, JR.....	ACCA.
GARRIGUES, FRANKLIN C.....	LU LU.
GLANZ, EDWIN S.....	MECCA.
GRAHAM, ALBERT R.....	MEDINAH.
HUBBARD, GEORGE I.....	EL JEBEL.
LAIRD, DAVID WHITE.....	ISLAM.
LAUGHLIN, H. C.....	AL KORAN.
LAUREYS, SIMON W.....	MECCA.
MCCOY, J. C.....	MOOLAH.
MCCAGUE, ROBERT.....	MECCA.
MAEHLER, ALFRED J.....	MECCA.
MAURER, JACOB G., Chief Rabban.....	DAMASCUS.
MAZZETTI, LOUIS F.....	MECCA.
MIGGAEL, EDWARD.....	CYPRUS.
MILLER, A. C.....	AL KORAN.
MURRAY, CHARLES S.....	PALESTINE.
PINGREE, MOSES O.....	MOUNT SINAI.
POND, JOHN E.....	PYRAMID.
POORE, BEN: PERLEY (See Proc. 1887, p. 36).....	ALMAS.
PREIST, CHARLES A.....	ALEPPO.
RANDALL, GEORGE D.....	MOUNT SINAI.
REYNOLDS, JAMES.....	TRIPOLI.
RICHARDS, ROBERT G.....	MECCA.
SCHUYLER, LEWIS M.....	LU LU.
SHINN, WILLIAM.....	LU LU.
SMITH, WILLIAM F.....	MECCA.
SMYTH, ROBERT J., Recorder.....	OSIRIS.
STEVENS, FRANCIS H.....	PYRAMID.
TALMAGE, JAMES N.....	MECCA.
THITCHENER, GEORGE A.....	MECCA.
TOOHY, WILLIAM.....	PYRAMID.
VAN DENBURGH, RICHARD L.....	CYPRUS.
WEAVER, WILLIAM W.....	MECCA.
YOUNG, JOHN H.....	LU LU.

GLORY TO HIM

WHO TRANSPORTED HIS SERVANT TO THE UNSEEN TEMPLE!



CORTES F. HOLLIDAY.



LLUSTRIOUS Noble CORTES F. HOLLIDAY was born in the United States on September 28, 1844, and under the guidance of loving parents, who mourn a great bereavement in his loss, he was led through Wisdom's paths and Virtue's meads till he had nearly attained his majority, when, imbued with the patriotic spirit implanted in a chivalric breast, he entered the Army of the Republic, from the State of Indiana, on January 16, 1864, and served faithfully and courageously until the close of the war, when he was mustered out on August 17, 1865. He afterward became the Secretary of the Indianapolis Board of Trade, in which position he won the love and esteem of all with whom he came in contact, and merited the highest approbation of the business men of the city of his residence, and continued in this responsible office until the close of his earthly pilgrimage.

Through a large acquaintance of the Mystic Circle, he was led to seek the portals of Masonry, and received the noble instructions of the Entered Apprentice Degree on April 15, 1872, passed to the Degree of Fellow Craft on May 14, and was raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason on June 23 of the same year, in Mystic Tie Lodge, No. 398, of Indianapolis. In Keystone Chapter he received the Degrees of Capitular Masonry during April and May, 1875, and the Degrees of Royal and Select Masters were conferred on him, in October of the same year, in Indianapolis Council, No. 2. He was dubbed and created Knight of the Order of the Temple on April 2, 1878, in Raper Commandery, No. 1, of the same city.

In the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite he was created Grand, Elect, Perfect, and Sublime Mason on December 4, 1872, was constituted Prince of Jerusalem and Knight of Rose Croix, and proclaimed Sublime Prince of the Royal Secret on January 12, 1874, in the Bodies of Indianapolis. He subsequently became the efficient and energetic Secretary of these Bodies, which position he filled for the past eight years, winning the respect and admiration of all for his untiring activity in the Rite. The Supreme Body honored his work by crowning him Honorary Member of the Supreme Council of Sovereign Grand Inspectors General for the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction of the United States of America, 33°, at Boston, on September 19, 1882.

His connection with the Mystic Shrine dates from November 17, 1882, when he was made a Member of Syrian Temple, at Cincinnati, Ohio. He was one of the Charter Members of Murat Temple, of Indianapolis, and from its foundation in the spring of 1884 until he was admitted to the Unseen Temple, March 5, 1888, he served with zeal and ability as its

Recorder. Much of his work shines out in the Report of the Reception of the Imperial Council given in the Proceedings of last year.

The success of the Shrine in Indiana was due more to the efforts of Noble Holliday than to any other individual.

The following notice "In Memoriam" was issued to the Nobility of Indiana after his death, and a Special Session was held on March 16, 1888, to take appropriate action in relation thereto.

IN MEMORIAM.

To the Nobility of the Mystic Shrine throughout the Jurisdiction of Indiana:

Affliction!—Distress!—Sorrow!

Illustrious Noble CORTES F. HOLLIDAY,

RECORDER OF MURAT TEMPLE,

**Was Admitted to the Unseen Temple Monday, March 5, 1888,
at 10:30 o'clock A. M.**

"He hath attained that excellent abode, airy, invisible, which knows not time, nor chance, nor any change."

He sits with those who are passed into the everlasting sunlight, and breathes the air of heaven. His life is his monument; the recollection of his words and actions, the impress. As he crossed the mystic boundary which lies between the visible and the invisible, he said to the bleeding hearts of relatives and friends who clustered around his dying bed,

It's only a good night here, that we
May say good morning there.

Ah! Grand word of consolation to grief from the soul that, hovering midway in the portal, gave back to those loving hearts, ere he drew the curtain which veils from the known the mysterious unknown.

"While we his memory cherish, let us his virtues
Imitate, and his death improve."

J. T. BRUSH,
Potentate

MURAT TEMPLE,
 ANCIENT ARABIC ORDER
 OF THE
 NOBLES OF THE MYSTIC SHRINE,

INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA,

FRIDAY EVENING, MARCH 16,

When our Oasis lies within the shadows, let us gather around our Altar, and spread upon our Records a Memorial of his Virtues.

J. T. BRUSH,
Potentate.

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Recorder.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE.

We also present the fitting testimonial to his memory submitted by the Committee, and spread upon the Records of the Temple :

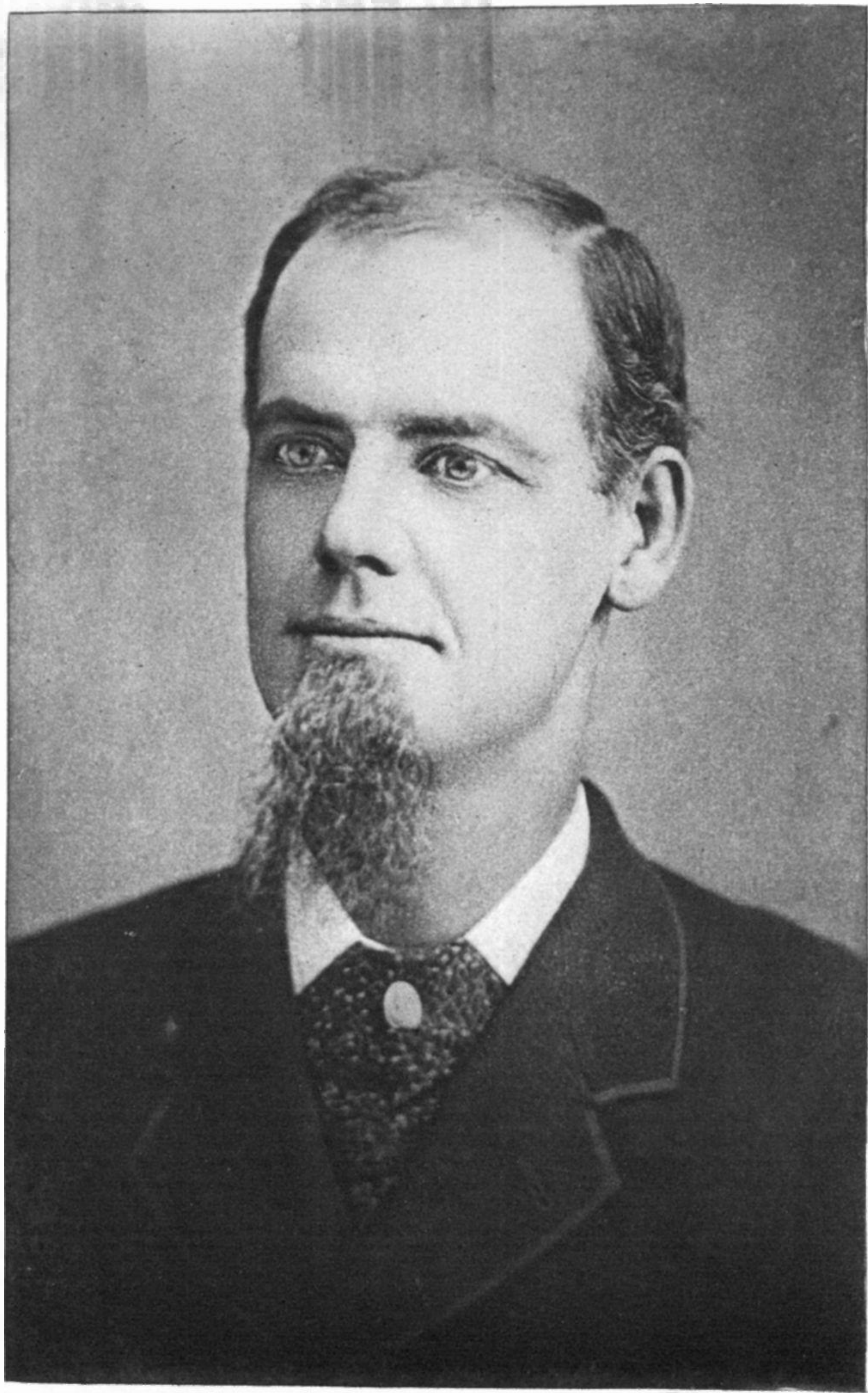
To the Officers and Members of Murat Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S. :

In discharge of the duty intrusted to us, we beg to submit the sub-joined testimonial for your consideration.

Respectfully,

JOHN T. BRUSH,
 JOHN G. BLAKE,
 MAHLON D. BUTLER,
 HENRY H. MCGAFFEY,
 JOHN A. HOLMAN,
 WILLIAM H. SCHMIDT,
 CHARLES F. MEYER,
Committee.

INDIANAPOLIS, March 30, 1888.



C. Halliday

IN MEMORIAM.

CORTES F. HOLLIDAY.

"The Black Camel bows before the door of every tent."



WE have had another evidence that Death loves a shining mark—a signal blow. If your Committee is competent to judge, few men have so fully realized and deserved, as did Cortes F. Holliday, the poet Halleck's familiar tribute:

"None knew thee but to love thee,
Nor named thee but to praise"

To form a perfectly just estimate of a human life is beyond the human power. We are permitted to deal only with the externals. It is the function alone of Deity—Witness and Judge in one—to penetrate beneath and view the core. The bud may have been bruised; the fruit may have been marred or stunted on the branch; the aspiration may have been high and pure, and the effort earnest and unfaltering, yet the attainment may have fallen short. The development of every character is marked by the operation of forces unperceived by the world's eye—the hostile forces of the individual environment, known best, and only, perhaps, to the man and his Maker. It is this fact, doubtless, which impels men to bring forward the laurel when they bury their dead. They see the finished work and hasten to pronounce it good, judging the purpose rather than the achievement.

We have no occasion, however, to indulge in such charity of spirit in the case of our lamented friend. To all eyes he brought forth good fruit; and when it was made known that he was dead, no voice was heard from out the wide circle of his acquaintance save the voice of sorrow and encomium. In this community a wave of gloom moved over us, as though a bright light had gone out suddenly. He had been met and known familiarly throughout his childhood youth, and latest years, and the friends who in his illness and closing hours, sought by their ministry to soothe and comfort were the witnesses of his whole life work. They saw him pass from Time to Eternity, an honor to the venerable parents to whom he was so singularly devoted, a loving brother, a loyal friend, a faithful soldier of his country, a citizen who exalted duty above all the other virtues, an earnest, honest, Christian man.

There need be, ordinarily, no misjudging such a life. Its incomings and outgoings become familiar things; and its high excellence, in the case of Noble Holliday, is attested by the thousands who knew him well. While by his intimates he was sincerely beloved, he was uniformly liked

and respected. He was modest, quiet, and unobtrusive; but his presence was characterized by a refreshing geniality that ever secured a welcome for him in the social, business, and fraternal circles in which he moved. And yet his amiability did not make him a negative quantity in life. He fortified his impulses—seldom wrong—by a quick and wise judgment of things, and this, in turn, was sustained by a firmness rarely shaken. Both in precept and example he was a clean, pure, self-respecting man, who left the world greatly the better from his having lived in it. There was nothing sensational or extraordinary in the events of his history: it seemed to be made up of the average round of routine, and the common portion, at least, of cares and trials. These he bore and dealt with sturdily, neither borrowing trouble nor shrinking from it. He was not a favorite of fortune, nor a victim of misfortune, but brought to the solution of life's problems the aids simply of a sound mind in a sound body, and the promptings of a pure heart. While by nature and training a conspicuously just man, he was tender and unselfish to a marked degree. In all the relations of life he was so conscientious, and his graces of character were so many, that the common verdict, made up even while he lived, had classed him as a man of rare worth—one of those quiet but potent forces whose withdrawal from the stage of action seems fatally to derange its workings. He, indeed, had acted well his part, and it is especially grateful to recall, in this brief and unequal estimate of his life, that, when he passed from its changing scenes into the changeless eternity, he bore worthily upon his mantle the insignia of the highest human order—the followers of Christ.

In his last hours, and when he knew the Divine Messenger was knocking at the door, he was serene and brave. Few men have closed their earthly careers more fearlessly. He seemed to have realized, as Longfellow wrote,

"There is no Death! What seems so is transition;
This life of mortal breath
Is but a suburb of the life elysian
Whose portal we call Death."

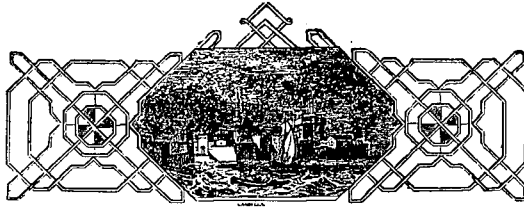
Nobles, all is well with our Brother! There is none to doubt that, with the true heart's last pulsation,

"Softly, from that hushed and darkened room,
Two angels issued, where but one went in."

Respectfully submitted to the Imperial Council.

JOHN T. BRUSH,

Potentate.



FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CORRESPONDENCE.

To the Imperial Potentate:



THE Committee on Correspondence herewith submit a number of Letters from the East, which have been transmitted to your Representatives of Temples in the East, and recommend that they be printed in the Proceedings.

CYRUS W. EATON,
GEORGE W. MILLAR,
WILLIAM S. PATERSON,
Committee.

REPORT OF REPRESENTATIVES OF TEMPLES IN THE EAST.

To the Imperial Potentate:



THE following letters are a part only of those received from Nobles in the East during the Shrine year just past. The table of TEMPLES IN THE EAST from which letters have been received will give some idea of the extent of the work of your Committee, and especially when it is known that many letters and documents have been sent to Shrines in Europe, Asia, and Africa, from which no response has as yet been received.

The translations this year comprise letters from the Arabic, Turkish, Persian, French, and German. It is hoped that the Nobles in Farther India and the Malay Peninsula will respond to our request for a courteous exchange of greetings and information on the progress and aims of the Order in that most ancient region. From the letters of Noble Rustumjee of Kurrachee, who visited Mecca Temple in 1885 (A. H. 1303), of James Grant of Bombay, of Byrumjee Kala (Bhojah) of Madras, and of Rustumjee Colah of Tanjore, we feel encouraged to expect during the present year accounts of Temples in all parts of India.

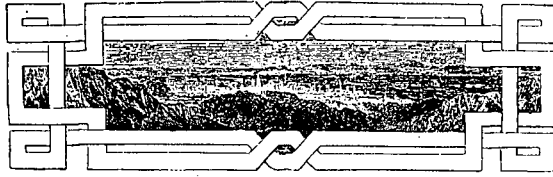
Respectfully submitted.

WILLIAM J. FLORENCE,
ALBERT L. RAWSON,
JOHN WORTHINGTON,
Representatives of Temples in the East.



LIST OF TEMPLES IN THE EAST.

Akka, Syria	Heykal Djezzar Pasha...	Osman ben Ganem.
Aleppo, "	" Walee el Jemel...	Omar ben Kedia.
Alexandria, Egypt...	" Skander	John Hornstein.
Algiers, Algeria	" Algiers.....	Abu ben Belot (Hamzi).
Athens, Greece.....	" Hassan	Rhodokanakis.
Bagdad, Persia	" Rasheed.....	Yakoob el Mooruss.
Bassora, Persia.....	" Bardool	Haroon al Murad.
Beirut, Syria	" Libnan	Samuel Hallock.
Benares, India.....	" Brahm	Chunder Sen Saeed.
Biskra, Algeria.....	" Oorda	Kiamil Adwee.
Bokhara, Persia.....	" Mofrad.....	Mahmood ibn Maroodee.
Broosa, Asia Minor ..	" Solyman	Omar ben Mallatah.
Cairo, Egypt.....	" Alee Pasha.....	Zoolfikar Fauzee.
Cannes, France.....	" Mohammad	John C. Brisson.
Constantine, Algeria..	" Kaf (mountain)..	Mahmood Kayat.
Damascus, Syria.....	" Saladin.....	Hassan ibn Ukreezee.
Dayr el Kamr, Syria...	" Beder (full moon)..	Moomeen el Baraka.
Fez, Morocco... ..	" Bab el Jannat ...	Hosayn ibn Bezzani.
Genoa, Italy.....	" Taala.....	Gieuseffe Fagnani.
Gibraltar, Spain.....	" Mehakma	Henry Wilson.
Jaffa, Palestine... ..	" Alee el Shahed...	Mavrogordato.
Jerusalem, Palestine.	" Omar.....	Conrad Schick.
Kurrachee, India	" Kong-fu-tsee.	H. J. Rustumjee.
Malta	" Valetta.....	John Worthington.
Marseilles, France ...	" Bokhara.....	Chas. L. Peyssonnel.
Mecca, Arabia.....	" el Rasool	Omar el Mitmen.
Oran, Algeria.....	" Fadeel.....	Amroo el Nafee.
Paris, France.....	" Mohammad.....	Thevenot.
Port Said, Egypt....	" Lateef.....	Bakree ben Taäleb.
Rome, Italy.....	" Alee	William T. Parsons.
Smyrna, Asia Minor..	" el Rashid....	C. Markanyan.
Suez, Egypt....	" Masroor	Maimoon ben Abdar.
Tabreez, Persia.....	" Firdausee.....	Narjeeb Meeyan.
Tangier, Morocco ...	" Barkook.....	Fendee el Serk.
Toulon, France.....	" Omar el Kebeer...	Henri Maillard.
Tunis, Algeria.....	" el Bardo.....	Remayah ibn Majellee.
Turin, Italy	" Kemela.....	Alessandro Bignola.
Tripolis, Algeria.....	" Yailah... ..	Abdullah ben Fyz.



LETTER FROM ALEXANDRIA.

ALEXANDRIA, EGYPT. June 3, 1888.

TO A. L. RAWSON, ESQ.,
New York, U. S. America, North :



Y MUCH RESPECTED FRIEND : It is now about fourteen years since I parted from you at my father's hotel in Jerusalem, and many are the changes which time has wrought for me and mine in those years. Your Arab guide is still in El Kuds ; I mean the lame Abraham, whom the Bedawins call Ibraheem el Achraj ; but I am here in the city founded by the great King of the Greeks. You may remember that my wife was a student of Greek history and literature, and was with you at Mar Saba examining the MSS. in the library of the tower. She continues her studies as well as our means will admit, for books are not so plentiful here as in London or Paris, and they are more costly.



I am here as agent for Cook, the Tourist, or rather his sons, who succeeded the father in the business, and among many travellers who come from the United States there are now and then some who know you, and of whom I have made inquiries as to your health, etc. Some others during the past three years have asked me to direct them to the Mystic Shrine here, claiming that they are members of the Order of Nobles in America. Until this year such travelling Nobles had no diploma for travellers, but recently the United States Consul at Malta, Mr. John Worthington (who says he knows you, and has visited the Shrine in New York with you) has given such travelling Nobles a diploma printed in both Arabic and English, probably on some press in that island.

I referred one such Noble to our Potentate, who has a shop in the Druggists' Bazaar, and he said that although he had not been instructed from Mekkah, yet the writing being in proper form, and the directions in it plain, he would show the Noble what courtesies it was possible during his stay in the city. He therefore sent a boy for animals, closed his shop, and attended the Noble in a grand inspection of the city and suburbs, including the various points of interest to travellers, and also to students of history. In their rounds they bought the MS. of a book on

Natural History of Palm Trees, written in Arabic in the eighth century, a page or two of which my wife translated for him into English. His departure happened more than ten days before the night of our Shrine meeting, and therefore we did not enlighten his eyes by our work. Our Heykal (Temple, as you say in the United States) is an old ninth century deserted palace, which we were permitted to repair and use for our meetings. The grandson of the last Imam says he remembers that his father related many incidents of his father's in which frequent reference was made to the Mystic Shrine, and he supposes it must have been a live society in that day, and as an excellent evidence he shows, among other relics of his grandfather, a pair of tiger's claws united by a band of silver into a Crescent, and his name and the Sacred Name (Allah) engraved on the band. The claw-crescent which is engraved on the books of the Order, which I have seen with Consul Worthington, has a Sphinx head on the band. The Arab law (in the Koran) forbids such an image, so our claw-crescent has the names and the date of initiation, and a similar motto, but in Arabic, not in Latin.

The Shrine was established here about ten years ago, or rather it was revived, by twenty young students in Mohammadan schools, who obtained permission and authority from Cairo, Alee Pasha Heykal, and a new charter from the Grand Shareef of Mekkah.

We have a number of Germans, Italians, Frenchmen, and Englishmen, besides Arabs, in the membership, which now is nearly 600.

I shall be happy if you would send me any printed history of the Shrine in the United States, and will endeavor to reciprocate by sending such books in Arabic or Coptic as you may desire.

JUNE 10.

I was too late for the last steamer, and therefore add this: My wife has just returned from Cairo, where she had the pleasure of reading a letter from you to the Katib of Alee Pasha Heykal, and who is in the employ of our company (Cook's Sons), and of seeing a letter in Coptic, written by the Coptic Patriarch to you, whom he claims as an old acquaintance, from the time of your visit to his village in 1874, that you will probably receive by mail as soon, if not before this arrives.

I inclose you copies of some inscriptions which have puzzled the savants here, and hope you may be able to decipher them.

With kind regards, in which my wife joins, I remain

Yours very truly,

JOHN HORNSTEIN.

JUNE 25.

P.S.—The business which took my wife to Cairo has prospered, and I am now the official interpreter to the English Army of Occupation in Egypt. Your letters may now be sent in care of Cook's Tourist Agency, who will forward them to me. I expect to have time for correspondence as in the past, and perhaps to aid the cause still more than ever.

ALEXANDRIA, EGYPT, June, 1888.

J. H.

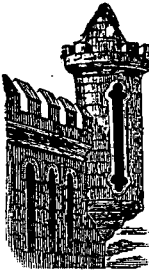


LETTER FROM KIAMIL ADWEE.

BISKRA, ALGERIA.

[From the original Arabic.]

To the Honorable and much respected, the proficient in science, the learned Professor, ALBERT L. RAWSON, 32°, Noble of the Mystic Shrine, appointed Correspondent for Temples in the East, residing in the City of New York, United States of North America, Greeting:



IN answer to your much valued letter, which was received by me, through the courtesy of the Commandant of the French troops stationed here, early in the last quarter of this moon, I beg to say to your honorable self that the inclosed letter is written for the eyes and for the heart of the Noble Shareef, the Highly Exalted, the Head of the Order of the Nobles of the Mystic Shrine for North America, upon whom rest the protection of Allah, whose Name be exalted, and to be delivered to him by you.

Written by my directions according to my desire.

KIAMIL ADWEE.



THE INCLOSED LETTER.

In the Name of Allah, Merciful, Compassionate.

To Most Illustrious SAM BRIGGS, Imperial Potentate of the Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine for North America, Greeting:



AM honored by the order of the Potentate of Heykal Oorda (Rose Temple) to respond to the request by your Representative of Temples in the East, Noble A. L. Rawson, which was received by letter here through the courtesy of Commandant Plassan of the French Army of Occupation in Algeria, at this city of Biskra.

Heykal Oorda was dedicated to the support of the Shrine and the glory of Allah, whose Name he exalted, on the day of the festival named Moolleed er Rooface, Nahar et Talateh, Jamaz ul Akhir 1302 (March 30, 1885). Twenty-two Nobles joined in the exercises. Twelve of them were French officers, and the others Turks and Mogrebins, who had taken the obligation of the Order in Algiers, Marseilles, or Egypt. The Potentate of Antiquity Temple (Heykal Kadeem) of Constantine kindly assisted and directed the work of the Shrine on that occasion. Thirty-eight poor sons of the desert were ennobled. Our membership is now 658.

From the beginning until now 917 have been initiated; 20 have joined the UNSEEN TEMPLE (literally in Arabic, have had their faces whitened before the Unseen Shrine—Translator), and 239 have dimitted or been expelled. Only two expulsions for cause have been recorded, and one of them was reinstated, he having shown perjury in his opponents who caused his expulsion. This vice of perjury is one of the evils which we must ever guard against. Mohammadan custom, if not the law of the Koran, encourages perjury by permitting litigants to hire witnesses to swear to anything. The Shrine tolerates no hired witnesses, and invariably punishes culprits of that kind on short notice. The error in this case arose from our admitting the testimony of a profane. It is proposed to hereafter exclude such evidence, and only receive evidence from those who are bound by the oath of the Crescent.

We hope to make this the largest membership in Algeria, because our city is at the natural terminus of the tourist route from Paris and elsewhere in Europe. A weekly diligence plies between here and Constantine, and the well-to-do tourists remain here, some one week, others two or four, and when a sufficient number apply a special meeting is called, and we add to the number of members, although not to the resident membership, for the tourists almost always dimitt, and affiliate in Marseilles, Paris, or elsewhere. Some few are proud of their membership in this Shrine, so far away, on the edge of the great desert Sahara.

This place has a history. The Romans governed this region as Numidia, and Biskra was the richest district, called by them Mons Aurasius, from which the modern name, Jebel Aouess, is a direct survival. The oasis is extensive, well watered by ditches from a perennial mountain stream. Many villages are surrounded by groves of olives, palms, figs, and other fruit trees, gardens, fields of grain, pastures, and other evidences of high culture. Many buildings are of stone, well built, especially in the new French village. The French government has farms here for experiments in agriculture and botany. Sugar cane, sorghum, cotton, and indigo are grown with great and increasing success. The Botanical Director, M. Jamin, has a collection of 20,000 dried plants from the oasis and the neighboring desert.

The hot spring, a mile or two from the ruins of the ancient castle built by the Romans, has a temperature of 115° Fah., and has a strong odor of sulphur, and is bitter with salts. It has been a health resort for invalids who enjoy hot baths, from the time when the Cæsar's Second Legion conquered the Numidians, to the present. This may be a grand country yet. Who knows but that the French may revive the ancient spirit which, even in the decay of the nation conquered by the Romans, produced such master minds as Hannibal, St. Augustine, and Cyprian?

I expect to visit Tunis on a business trip some time not far off, and shall confer with the Nobles of that city and the Shrine of the Bardo (El Bardo in the summer palace of the Bey), and you will hear further from "the dark continent." If you remember your Homer, you will see in his *Odyssey* that Africa was more favored then than now. May Allah restore our beautiful land as it was when the great poet of the Greeks sang:

"Such Helen's potion was; a friend to life:
Egyptian Polydamna's gifts, Thon's wife.
That fruitful soil doth many drugs produce,
Hurtful and healthful, fit for every use.
All are physicians, expert above all:
And brought from Pæon their original."

—Homer, *Od.* b. 4.

As the ancients looked to Egypt for relief and consolation in their distress, so do the sorrowful ones of our day flee to Algeria. Homer evidently refers to the Mystic Shrine in his *Odyssey* (b. 4, line 300):

"Then from the *rites of purity* repair,
And with keen gust the savory viands share,"

which is clearly a reference to the Mystic Rites, and to the banquet which invariably follows. In his days a more generous libation cheered the Nobles than is permitted by Mohammadan law (Koran), as appears in the very next stanza in the same book:

"Mix'd a mirth-inspiring bowl:
Temper'd with drugs of sovereign use, to assuage
The boiling bosom of tumultuous rage;
To clear the cloudy front of wrinkled Care,
And dry the tearful sluices of Despair:
Charm'd with that virtuous draught, the exalted mind
All sense of woe delivers to the wind."

I intend, in a future letter, to give some details of the original sources of the various peoples of this country. The name Biskra is probably from the Biskeri tribes, but there are descendants of Berbers, Carthaginians, Romans, Mauritanians, Vandals, and Arabs, besides a sprinkling of nearly every modern people of Europe, who come to trade and stay, or on sight-seeing, to leave sooner or later. In addition to these white

racés we have Negroes, who are called Abyd (slaves), or Soudan (blacks), and Jews, and Koloogees (sons of soldiers by native mothers).

To a student of anthropology (and I can well suppose you are not indifferent to that branch of archæology) our country of the Mogrebins is rich in material and favorable in climate and productions. It is to this fact that the Shrine is indebted for its establishment in Biskra, some French students having come here to benefit by the hot springs.

With sincere desire for your health, and the health and honor of your father, and your much revered grandfather, I beg you to accept these my present services and the assurance of a continuance.

Written after my dictation, and according to my intention.

KIAMIL ADWEE,

Recorder of Temple Oorda,

Biskra, Algeria.

MOHARRUM, 1305.





LETTER FROM HENRY LOUIS GUERIN.

CONSTANTINE, ALGERIA.

(Translated from the French.)



MY DEAR FRIEND AND TEACHER: I have neglected for some years to keep my promise to let you know where I am, and how I progress in the study of the Fine Arts. This letter, I am sure, will make any further apology for silence as to writing to you unnecessary. When I left you in 1881 I was a mere boy, although aged 22 years, while now, through a varied and crowded experience, I feel that I am a man, as well as a soldier of fortune in fact although not in name, for I have not enlisted, although I have lived, marched, and fought with French Zouaves for nearly five years.

When I left New York, and the shadow of your studio, it was at your suggestion to study art in Paris.

I was fortunate in having my easel set up in the studio of the celebrated figure painter, Lefebvre, for nearly two years, after which I joined a party of five students of art who proposed to travel and sketch in Algeria. The French government does all in its power to encourage emigration or travel to Algeria, and therefore it was not difficult for us to obtain permission to have our goods and ourselves transported with a regiment of Zouaves as escort, or rather we were permitted to go out to the colony as artists at the expense of the government transport service, on the same vessel with a regiment of Zouaves, who expected to be mounted on Arabian horses when in the field.

The crowd on the steamer *Louqsor* that left Marseilles was a mixed gathering of military officers, government officials, Zouaves, soldier convicts, travellers like ourselves the artists, returning merchants with French goods, cattle, horses, sheep, and poultry. The decks were covered all over with men, women, children, bundles, beds, dogs, and the air was loaded with noises of every description, as also with odors of many qualities. The motion of the steamer made a little breeze, which was increased with grateful results as we lost sight of the shore.

The anchor was dropped in the port of Algiers in due time, and the triangular city rose before us, decked in gleaming white domes and minarets and intensely green verdure. I had read about the city of corsairs and its prisons of Christian captives, and here before my eyes

was the reality—and who knows how many pirates, or, in a more elegant term, corsairs, may be there now, lying among the numerous craft of traders from almost every port on the Mediterranean? We were shown the site of the slave-market where Christians were sold by the Moors into slavery. The place is now a cab stand, with a curious mixture of French cabs and Arab donkeys eager for business.

Our stay in Algiers waiting for orders to march into the interior was more than a month. I had heard of the Mystic Shrine from a young officer in the regiment while we were in Paris, and it was a subject of frequent conversation while we were waiting at Marseilles for the transport steamer, and I could have been initiated there, but was persuaded to wait until we were in Algiers, where my informant had frequently visited the temple, or rather Heykal Algiers. About a week after our landing my friend, the young officer, Louis Neuville, cousin to the artist of the same name, told me that a meeting had been called at the Shrine, and that my opportunity had come. I need not detail the initiation, for you know what it is; but what I suppose I may do is to try to describe the strange combination of Western and Eastern customs, and a union of such diverse peoples in a common faith.

In an assembly of about three hundred there were nearly twenty nationalities, and the only feature in common was the red fez, which was worn by all. The language was French, but as nearly one-half of the candidates were Arabs, whose knowledge of the French language was supposed to be incomplete, an interpreter explained the essential passages from time to time. Some parts, of course, explained themselves, without any special interpreter. One of the newly made Nobles declared, at the closing banquet, that he had fought hard to break up the Shrine in his native city of Constantine, and now was glad of the opportunity to testify to his pleasurable surprise and gratification at the splendor of the mysteries, and begged us each and all to honor his divan with our presence if we ever came near Constantine, where his official position as a Kadee would enable him to treat us well. His invitation was responded to by a rousing cheer, so unusual in an Oriental gathering, where the Moslems show their delight by bobbing their heads toward each other, and quietly saying, "Good, good" (tayeab).

The Oriental Shriners have not yet adopted the Western style of sitting at a table. The Nobles sit in crescent form, squatted on mats, rugs, or carpets, and the refreshments, both liquid and solid, are passed around by the younger Nobles, or by hired waiters. If the entertainment is given by some wealthy Arab or Turk, the servants will be from his own household. The banquet at the Heykal Algiers was furnished by the temple treasury, and served by a French caterer and his trained waiters. The Nobles sat in ten crescents of thirty each, and the officers sat facing them near the focus of the first crescent. The first round was a fine

conserve, very sweet, which was tasted by using a very small spoon. The second was a course of fresh figs ; the third, bread and raisins ; the fourth, boned turkey or chicken ; then a pilav of rice, with and without herbs ; then followed cold mutton in thin slices, sprinkled with aromatic herbs, and flavored with bitter almonds, which had been roasted with the meat, having been stuffed into it in a dozen places in each leg. More fruits, melons, cucumbers and sherbet of lemons, oranges, or pomegranates. "Wine of yesterday," that is, made from grapes dried (raisins), boiled, passed through a colander, and fermented one day only. I would not swear that there was an entire famine, nor even a wide-spread drought, in the room at any time that night, at least before three in the morning, when the party separated. If the Nobles had stayed two or three hours longer, no one can say how complete the disappearance of solids and liquids would have been.

I had been told by you that Algeria was a paradise for artists, and the reality proved to be far beyond my dreams. The most valuable of my sketches so far have been indoor, although some street scenes have been very interesting. The French physician, M. Pelletier, whose duty it is to look after the health of officers of passing regiments, invited two of us artists to accompany him to the harem of the Dey, whose daughter was said to be very ill, and had been abandoned by the Arab doctors, who resigned her case to Allah the Merciful, whose Name be exalted, which is a form of confession of professional ignorance.

We found the harem carefully guarded at every door and window by a soldier with a gun or sword, and inside a dozen or more armed eunuchs standing around the couch on which the girl lay, wrapped in shawls and scarfs until only her eyes were visible. Her father sat at her right, her brother at her left, and no other woman except her mother was in the room. M. Pelletier said it would be necessary to examine her tongue and pulse before giving any opinion as to her disease, and at that announcement there was a groan from the Arabs and Turks, and the eunuchs stood aghast with horror at the audacity of the infidel hakeem. In vain the doctor pleaded that his only means of correctly diagnosing her case was to see her tongue and count her pulse. Mohammadan prejudice and law were inexorable, and the patient herself would have preferred death to the proposed defilement by the touch of an infidel.

As the doctor was about to take his leave, he accidentally exposed his Shrine claws, and the Dey saw them. He at once begged the doctor to be seated ; ordered all persons except the mother and one eunuch to leave the doctor and attendants and himself with the sick girl, and the order was obeyed. The Dey then said : "Islam, most respected Doctor, is very exacting in the matter of etiquette between the sexes, and I must obey as an example to my subjects, and to show my attachment to the faith. But a life is precious, and I hope you will do your professional

duty at once." He was answered by the doctor, who said: "I am anxious to relieve your daughter if it is possible, and hope it will not be necessary to disturb your faith in Islam." "I see that I am right," said the Dey, "and I have the honor of saluting a Noble."—"Of the Mystic Shrine," rejoined the doctor, and they confirmed the matter by taking each other by the right hand, and in other ways, in which our practice as to words and forms is the same as yours. A few words by the Dey to the mother said in Turkish, and she unwound the suffering girl from the bundle of clothes, and none too soon. She was found to be suffering from a typhoid fever, and very low, having had no relief except such as the native doctors give, which is writing sentences from the Koran on slips of paper, which are given to the patient to swallow in the Name of Allah the Merciful.

I learned afterward that the girl recovered under the care of Doctor Pelletier, and that the Dey was grateful. Among other presents he gave him a beautiful Arabian mare, with elegantly decorated saddle and other belongings.

The sudden change in the manner of the Dey was a revelation to me. I had believed up to that time that Mohammadan prejudice was as strong as adamant, and immovable as mountains, but this was the first of a long train of evidence that those who meet around the Mystic Shrine change prejudice and hate for brotherly love and that charity which sees the true man inside of whatever faith the accident of birth may have imposed on him.

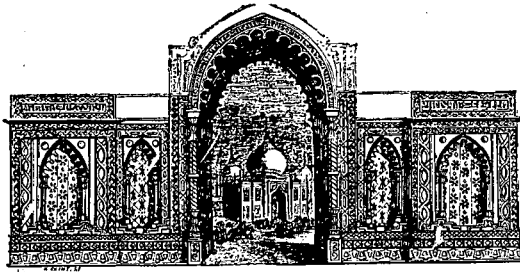
During our stay at Algiers there were two special meetings of the Shrine, and besides other candidates there were several officers from our regiment, and one General of Division, who lifted the right hand toward the Word of Allah, as is the custom of all Mogrebin Shriners.

We took up our march toward Biskra, and when near that ancient city I joined a party who were sent to Constantine to carry dispatches, where we are now waiting orders to rejoin the regiment. We have had many courtesies from the Shriners here, who are nearly all Turks in office, Arabs of dignity and education, and resident French and German merchants. If our stay is prolonged another week we shall be able to attend a Shrine meeting at Heykal Kaf, to which we have been already summoned by messenger. No printed or written notice is ever sent in this country. The mail closes to-day, and as it is ten days before another leaves, I must beg you to accept my promise to write again soon.

Ever faithfully yours,

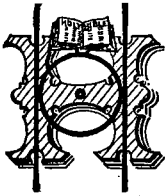
HENRY LOUIS GUERIN.

P. S.—My address is care of Gen Henri Charles Plassan, French Army, Algeria.

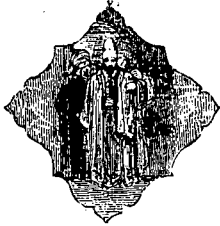


LETTER FROM TUNIS.

To Most Illustrions Noble, the Eminent in deeds, the Leader in Good Works, the Highly Esteemed, Imperial Potentate Nobles of the Mystic Shrine for North America, namely, SAM BRIGGS, residing in the City of Cleveland, Greeting:



HAVING been requested by Noble John Worthington, Consul for the United States of North America, at present residing in the Island of Malta, to write a letter to the Imperial Potentate of the Mystic Shrine in North America, which should give an account, more or less complete, of the Order as it exists in our City of Tunis, I have caused this writing to be done.



Since the French occupation of the country Tunis has been the second city in Africa in population (160,000), Cairo only having a larger number. It is a classic locality, having been mentioned by Homer, whose Latophagitis was near, and is now identified with the island of Jerba or Meninx, as it is also called. The name of the people as given in the Odyssey was a corruption of the true

name, which was Rotophagi, or date eaters, a name of the date being rotob, a variety "sweet as honey," as said by Homer, and eating it caused travellers to forget their native land.

Two Roman Emperors, Volusianus and Trebonianus Gallus, were proclaimed at Meninx, whose ruins form a vast field of marbles and mosaics, extending two miles one way by half a mile the other. The soil is strewn with columns of red or green marble, some thirty feet long and three feet in diameter. Eleven statues of emperors have been found, cut in yellow or in violet marble.

We are justly proud of our fine bazaars, which are vaulted overhead, and have footways, and also of the many fine mosques, some of which are considered well worth a traveller's inspection.

Our Mystic Shrine was revived from a long slumber, in Shaaban, 1300, by fifteen Nobles, who had been initiated in Algiers.

The membership is now seven hundred, and the whole number from the revival is 981, including those who have been welcomed into the Unseen Temple, and all dimitts and expulsions.

Our Heykal was named after the Bey of Tunis's summer palace, which is called Bardo (the cooler), and it was decorated by his generous contribution in a rich and appropriate manner by a company of French artists. The officers have a special uniform, varied in some particular to indicate the rank and dignity of each, and they are each supplied with a badge, cut in solid silver, bearing an emblem of the duties of each. The Potentate sits in a simple white burnoos, but all others have colors and gilt stuff, and very elaborate designs for the official costume.

We have included in our membership nearly twenty imams, and many learned men, as also some high dignitaries in the government, one of which, the Bey, is both a scholar and traveller.

This city is a pleasant winter resort for invalids from the colder parts of Europe, and there are almost always a numerous company of such people, representing several languages and peoples.

The Koran, from which the lessons are read in the Temple, is an antiquity from the third century A. H. (9th A. D.), written on fine vellum paper, and embellished with many artistic designs in the old Moorish style, in which geometrical and scroll forms give a hint of flowers and foliage without real imitation, which was prohibited by the Holy Book.

An excursion party of Nobles from Marseilles visited us in the moon of Gemasi ul Awwal (Jamaz), and exemplified the work as it is done in their Shrine el Bokhara. At the banquet there were speeches of welcome and responses by the guests, and the poet, Gafoor el Bedia, recited some verses which he had composed for the occasion, beginning with these lines which were addressed to the Potentate of Bokhara Shrine:

"If I found myself possessed of every delight,
And the world were mine, with the empire of the ancient kings,
It were less unto me than the wing of a gnat
If mine eye did not also behold thy Noble form."

In such pleasant and harmless pastimes, between the courses of the feast, the time passed until the mare's tail indicated the approach of the day, when the party unwillingly separated.

The Shayk (Potentate) of Heykal Yailah at Tripolis, with ten of his officers and Nobles, was with us on that occasion, and cordially invited us to visit his Shrine, which was accepted, and is to be the order for the feast day of Gemasi el Akhir (Jamaz the Second).

The number of visitors increases with every moon, and we hear encouraging reports from the Nobles in North America, where it is said there are Temples in which the sacred name of Allah, whose Name be for-

ever exalted, and of His Prophet Mohammad, whose name be praised, are heard from feast day to feast day, in every moon of the year. This is cheering and warming to the heart of every true Moslem, and is in direct fulfilment of a prophecy of Mohammad, written in Surah VI.:

"Say to them, Go through the world, and consider the end of them that abjure the law of Allah; inquire of them, To whom belongs whatsoever is in heaven and earth? It is Allah's. Whatsoever moveth by night and by day, and whatsoever is in the world, belongeth to His Divine Majesty. He it is that created the heaven and earth. He knoweth the future, present, and past; is most wise, and nothing is hidden from Him."

And in Surah VIII.:

"The prophet cannot be a prisoner; he shall establish himself on earth with advantage over unbelievers. Ye desire the wealth of the earth, and Allah will give you the treasures of heaven; He is omnipotent and wise. . . . Plant in your heart generosity and patience, and go on with assurance. . . . Say unto them, The spoil appertaineth to Allah and His Prophet. Fear Allah, and live in mutual amity."

Here are divine words of encouragement to all true and faithful sons of the desert (for I am an Arab, the son of an Arab, as was also Mohammad, Allah's Apostle, whose name be praised), and all who may be adopted into the family of the devoted, that better days are in prospect for the faith, as extended by the Mystic Shrine in North America.

The accounts which reach us from month to month, from the mouth of the traveller, from the written word of Consul Noble John Worthington, of Malta, the writings of Ibn Ukreezee, of Damascus (El Shawm), and by our pilgrims to Mekkah, show that a great and glorious outpouring of the faith is now upon us. The holy angels, as promised by Mohammad, aid us in many ways, for which we should be eternally grateful.

Further accounts of our shrine at Tunis I shall not neglect to send, from time to time, as it may please your Representative, Consul John Worthington, to request.

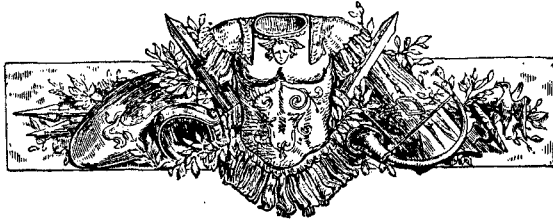
I beg to represent to you my profound esteem for yourself and the high office you so worthily fill.

Written as directed.

REMAYAH IBN MAJELLEE.

GEMASI EL AKHIR 15, A. H. 1305.





EDICT.

ON CONFERRING THE ORDER IN FULL FORM.

OFFICE OF IMPERIAL POTENTATE,
CLEVELAND, O., July 13, 1888.

*To the Illustrious Potentates of all Temples in the Jurisdiction of this
Imperial Council:*



FROM and after this date, the conferring of the Order of the Nobles of the Mystic Shrine must be performed with full ceremonial and accessories, within the body of a legally constituted Temple, and in accordance with the forms prescribed by the Ritual.

The *communication* of the Order is hereby expressly prohibited, unless allowed by Dispensation, and all applications for this purpose must be accompanied by substantial reasons for the request.

SAM. BRIGGS,

Imperial Potentate.

WILLIAM S. PATERSON,
Imperial Recorder.



CONGRESS
OF
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ANCIENT ARABIC ORDER
OF THE
NOBLES OF THE MYSTIC SHRINE,
FOR
NORTH AMERICA.

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	GRAND RAPIDS, MICH.	
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	CLEVELAND, O.	



ACTIVE MEMBERS, 1886-1889.

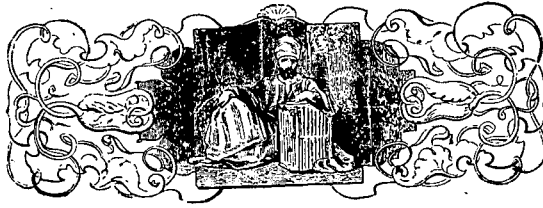
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44. STILES, WILLIAM A15 N. Clinton St., Chicago, Ill.
45. THOMPSON, JAMES H.....175 Dearborn St., Chicago, Ill.
46. WASHBURN, JUSTUS W. F.....Montpelier, Vt.
47. WOLFF, MATTHEW R.....Telephone Exchange, Wheeling, W. Va.
48. WRIGHT, JOSEPH S.....704 Market St., Philadelphia, Pa.
49. WRIGHT, WILLIAM H. S.....St. Paul, Minn.

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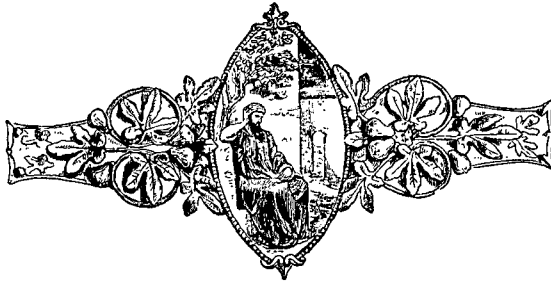
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47. WATERMAN, ROBERT H. Albany, N. Y.
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49. WHITE, JARVIS Davenport, Iowa
50. WHITING, WILLIAM H. Rochester, N. Y.
51. WILLIAMS, JOHN D Elmira, N. Y.
52. WING, GEORGE W. Montpelier, Vt.





TEMPLES UNDER THE IMPERIAL COUNCIL,

JUNE 25, 1888.

OFFICERS FOR 1888.

✓ 1.—ABDALLAH TEMPLE, LEAVENWORTH, KANSAS.

Richard A. Ketner (603 Cherokee St.)	Potentate.
Dwight Byington	Chief Rabban.
John M. Laing	Assistant Rabban.
Rev. Tullius C. Tupper	High Priest.
Edward W. Osgood	Oriental Guide.
Carl Hoffman	Treasurer.
La Martine Cretors (526 Choctaw St.)	Recorder.
William B. Fletcher	First Cer. Master.
Edward Jobson	Second Cer. Master.
Chester B. Gunn	Marshal.
Thomas E. Conklin	Captain of Guard.
Rudolph Jost	Outer Guard.
Frank S. Hastings	Director.

Founded March 28, 1887.—Number of Members, 45.

✓ 2 —ACCA TEMPLE, RICHMOND, VA.

Louis P. Ecker (P. O. Box 333)	Potentate.
W. Fred Pleasants	Chief Rabban.
Parker T. Conrad	Assistant Rabban.
George L. Street	High Priest.
John F. Mayer	Oriental Guide.
John W. Otley	Treasurer.
William Ellis Jones (5 South 12th St.)	Recorder.
A. L. Pleasants	First Cer. Master.
H. W. F. Southern	Second Cer. Master.
A. Judson Cunningham	Marshal.
J. W. Swaim	Captain of the Guard.
Junius A. Cosby	Outer Guard.
H. F. Phillips	Director.

Founded June 9, 1886.—Number of Members, 81.

✓ 3.—ALEPPO TEMPLE, BOSTON, MASS.

Henry E. Hosley (577 Dorchester Av., South Boston)	Potentate.
Thomas Waterman	Chief Rabban.
James A. Fox	Assistant Rabban.
Leonard M. Averell	High Priest.
Joseph W. Work	Oriental Guide.
Albert Edgcomb	Treasurer.
Benjamin W. Rowell (44 Kilby St.)	Recorder.
George A. Gillette	First Cer. Master.
Samuel F. Hubbard	Second Cer. Master.
George S. Carpenter	Marshal.
William Tynner	Captain of Guard.
Alexander K. Bryer	Outer Guard.
Frank Locke	Director.

Founded June 23, 1882.—Number of Members, 505.

✓ 4.—ALGERIA TEMPLE, HELENA, MONTANA.

William N. Baldwin (P. O. Box 302)	Potentate.
John C. Major	Chief Rabban.
Cornelius B. Nolan	Assistant Rabban.
Arthur C. Logan	High Priest.
Edward D. Neill, Jr.	Oriental Guide.
Theodore H. Kleinschmidt	Treasurer.
Henry H. Guthrie (P. O. Box 325)	Recorder.
W. D. Smith	First Cer. Master.
Cornelius Hedges	Second Cer. Master.
Edward I. Zimmerman	Marshal.
Thomas L. Richards	Captain of Guard.
B. W. S. Folk	Outer Guard.
Andrew J. Fisk	Director.

Founded March 23, 1888.—Number of Members, 38.

✓ 5.—AL KADER TEMPLE, PORTLAND, OREGON.

Irving W. Pratt (69 South First St.)	Potentate.
Rocky P. Earhart	Chief Rabban.
Ferdinand N. Shurtleff	Assistant Rabban.
Phillip S. Malcolm	High Priest.
Douglas W. Taylor	Oriental Guide.
John R. Foster	Treasurer.
Benjamin G. Whitehouse (100 Third St.)	Recorder.
Daniel C. McKercher	First Cer. Master.
Andrew Roberts	Second Cer. Master.
Christopher Taylor	Marshal.
James O. Spencer	Captain of Guard.
Charles E. Sitton	Outer Guard.

Founded January 3, 1888.—Number of Members, 27.

✓ 6.—AL KORAN TEMPLE, CLEVELAND, OHIO.

Sam Briggs (48 Cedar Av.).....	Potentate.
A. B. Foster.....	Chief Rabban.
Moses G. Carrel.....	Assistant Rabban.
J. M. Gorham.....	High Priest.
W. E. Thurber.....	Oriental Guide.
Charles T. Wesley.....	Treasurer.
Horace W. Hubbard (226 Bank St.).....	Recorder.
Charles F. Spencer.....	First Cer. Master.
W. W. Furry.....	Second Cer. Master.
A. B. Pierce.....	Marshal.
John W. Gibbons.....	Captain of Guard.
Theodore Elmendorf.....	Outer Guard.
Horace W. Hubbard.....	Director.

Founded November 16, 1876.—Number of Members, 297.

✓ 7.—AL MALAIKAH TEMPLE, LOS ANGELES, CAL.

Marvin R. Higgins (P. O. Box 1565).....	Potentate.
Trowbridge H. Ward.....	Chief Rabban.
George Gilson.....	Assistant Rabban.
James R. Dupuy.....	High Priest.
Hervey Lindley.....	Oriental Guide.
Levi H. Whitson.....	Treasurer.
J. F. Bandholt (P. O. Box 759).....	Recorder.
W. B. Scarborough.....	First Cer. Master.
R. R. Brown.....	Second Cer. Master.
John C. Haskell.....	Marshal.
G. M. Stolp.....	Captain of Guard.
John McIlmoil.....	Outer Guard.
Charles H. Dunsmoor.....	Director.

Founded February 6, 1888.—Number of Members, 50.

✓ 8 —ALMAS TEMPLE, WASHINGTON, D. C.

George H. Walker (1427 F St., N. W.).....	Potentate.
Emmett C. Elmore.....	Chief Rabban.
Samuel J. Haislett.....	Assistant Rabban.
Clement W. Bennett.....	High Priest.
Frederick G. Alexander.....	Oriental Guide.
Abner T. Longley.....	Treasurer.
H. Harvey Hazard (National Savings Bank).....	Recorder.
Walter C. Duff.....	First Cer. Master.
David G. Dixon.....	Second Cer. Master.
J. William Palmer.....	Marshal.
Harry B. Major.....	Captain of Guard.
William S. Ballard.....	Outer Guard.
T. John Newton.....	Director.

Founded January 7, 1886.—Number of Members, 103.

✓ 9.—ARARAT TEMPLE, KANSAS CITY, MO.

Ethelbert F. Allen (34 Beals Building)	Potentate.
Charles A. Peake	Chief Rabban.
David W. Wallace	Assistant Rabban.
Charles S. Owsley	High Priest.
Thomas R. Morrow	Oriental Guide.
William P. Moores	Treasurer.
A. Watson Rebman (603 Delaware St.)	Recorder.
Joseph L. Steibel	First Cer. Master.
David E. Gurney	Second Cer. Master.
Charles A. Hibbard	Marshal.
S. L. C. Hasson	Captain of Guard.
Charles P. Baldwin	Outer Guard.
Stephen D. Thacher	Director.

Founded December 1, 1887.—Number of Members, 88.

✓ 10.—BALLUT ABYAD TEMPLE, ALBUQUERQUE, N. M.

Alexander Stevens (P. O. Box 99)	Potentate.
William H. Whiteman	Chief Rabban.
Edward Medler	Assistant Rabban.
Frederick A. Cimeran	High Priest.
John L. Andrews	Oriental Guide.
Almarion M. Codington	Treasurer.
Joseph H. Kuhns (A. & P. R. R. Co.)	Recorder.
Arthur Everitt	First Cer. Master.
Philip Praeger	Second Cer. Master.
Elias S. Stover	Marshal.
Charles H. Woodworth	Captain of Guard.
Alexander M. Whitcomb	Outer Guard.
Fredrick H. Kent	Director.

Founded June 11, 1887.—Number of Members, 22.

✓ 11.—BOUMI TEMPLE, BALTIMORE, MD.

William C. Nickum (613 Columbia Av.)	Potentate.
James P. Clark	Chief Rabban.
Richard H. Conway	Assistant Rabban.
Jacob Likes	High Priest.
Henry O. Reese	Oriental Guide.
William H. Kleinsmith	Treasurer.
David F. Penington (1087 W. Fayette St.)	Recorder.
Mark A. J. Clift	First Cer. Master.
Samuel W. Regester	Second Cer. Master.
John B. Kurtz	Marshal.
William E. Browning	Captain of Guard.
Washington H. Nicholson	Outer Guard.
George W. Starr, Jr.	Director.

Founded March 31, 1884.—Number of Members, 186.

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12.—CYPRUS TEMPLE, ALBANY, N. Y.

Joseph M. Lawson (37 Maiden Lane)	Potentate.
William G. Janes	Chief Rabban.
Thomas J. Bishop	Assistant Rabban.
William W. Grey	High Priest.
John L. Godley	Oriental Guide.
Erasmus D. Jones	Treasurer.
William E. Fitch (328 South Pearl St.)	Recorder.
John H. Quinby	First Cer. Master.
George W. Robinson	Second Cer. Master.
Charles H. Gaus	Marshal.
George H. Sharp	Captain of Guard.
William H. Gladding	Outer Guard.
Robert D. Williams	Director.

Founded February 2, 1877.—Number of Members, 101

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13.—DAMASCUS TEMPLE, ROCHESTER, N. Y.

George F. Loder (Rochester, N. Y.)	Potentate.
William H. Whiting	Chief Rabban.
Sidney C. McKaye	Assistant Rabban.
Samuel C. Pierce	High Priest.
Burton H. Davy	Oriental Guide.
Edward Schaefer	Treasurer.
Charles M. Steel (34 Court St.)	Recorder.
Harry B. James	First Cer. Master.
Conrad Eckhardt	Second Cer. Master.
Edward C. Way	Marshal.
John M. Aiken	Captain of Guard.
William H. Davenport	Outer Guard.
Samuel R. Carter	Director.

Founded January 4, 1875.—Number of Members, 245.

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14.—EL JEBEL TEMPLE, DENVER, COLO.

Albert B. McGaffey (Denver, Colo.)	Potentate.
John Livezey	Chief Rabban.
M. J. Lawrence	Assistant Rabban.
W. D. Anthony	High Priest.
S. A. Sheppard	Oriental Guide.
C. A. Raymond	Treasurer.
Frank J. Hard (P. O. Box 1906)	Recorder.
W. R. Harp	First Cer. Master.
J. C. Maxwell	Second Cer. Master.
S. W. Chaney	Marshal.
F. E. Edbrooke	Captain of Guard.
Thomas Linton	Outer Guard.

Founded December 1, 1887.—Number of Members, 206.

✓ 15.—EL KAHIR TEMPLE, CEDAR RAPIDS, IOWA.

Cyrus W. Eaton (48 First Av.).....	Potentate.
Edward I. Foster.....	Chief Rabban.
Calvin G. Greene.....	Assistant Rabban.
James Morton.....	High Priest.
Upton C. Blake.....	Oriental Guide.
James L. Bever.....	Treasurer.
George W. Bever (City National Bank).....	Recorder.
John B. Bever.....	First Cer. Master.
Charles H. French.....	Second Cer. Master.
William Flanagan.....	Marshal.
Marvin J. Gates.....	Captain of Guard.
Zelotes Farr.....	Outer Guard.
James E. Henriques.....	Director.

Founded February 9, 1886.—Number of Members, 116.

✓ 16.—EL RIAD TEMPLE, SIOUX FALLS, DAKOTA.

William D. Stites (Sioux Falls, Dakota).....	Potentate.
Alfred B. Kittredge.....	Chief Rabban.
Dwight C. Rice.....	Assistant Rabban.
Curtis H. Winsor.....	High Priest.
George W. Burnside.....	Oriental Guide.
Charles H. Vincent.....	Treasurer.
Nyrum E. Phillips (Sioux Falls, Dakota).....	Recorder.
Frank S. Emerson.....	First Cer. Master.
William R. Burkholder.....	Second Cer. Master.
Benjamin F. Campbell.....	Marshal.
Henry T. Corson.....	Captain of Guard.
Pickering Brown.....	Outer Guard.
James E. Conklin.....	Director.

Founded April 2, 1888.—Number of Members, 46.

✓ 17.—HELLA TEMPLE, DALLAS, TEXAS.

Joseph K. Ashby (Lock Box 426, Fort Worth, Tex.).....	Potentate.
Eugene Marshall.....	Chief Rabban.
E. E. Chase.....	Assistant Rabban.
L. M. Knepfly.....	High Priest.
J. D. A. Harris.....	Oriental Guide.
E. M. Reardon.....	Treasurer.
Thomas D. Miller (511 Houston St., Fort Worth, Tex.).....	Recorder.
Will J. Fewell.....	First Cer. Master.
Stephen E. Moss.....	Second Cer. Master.
George H. Green.....	Marshal.
Henry M. Spaulding.....	Captain of Guard.
Richard E. McNulty.....	Outer Guard.

Founded May 31, 1887.—Number of Members, 83.

✓ 18.—ISIS TEMPLE, SALINA, KANSAS.

Edward C. Culp (Salina, Kansas).....	Potentate.
Harper S. Cunningham.....	Chief Rabban.
Smith M. Palmer.....	Assistant Rabban.
Jacob DeWitt.....	High Priest.
Thomas L. Bond.....	Oriental Guide.
Oscar Seitz.....	Treasurer.
Robert E. Nickles (Salina, Kansas).....	Recorder.
Adam Kemper.....	First Cer. Master.
John Anderson.....	Second Cer. Master.
Frank Ferlen.....	Marshal.
Leroy O. Wight.....	Captain of Guard.
John R. Chapman.....	Outer Guard.
Charles A. Hiller.....	Director.

Founded March 30, 1887.—Number of Members, 97.

✓ 19.—ISLAM TEMPLE, SAN FRANCISCO, CAL.

Franklin H. Day (P. O. Box 1534).....	Potentate.
Charles L. Field.....	Chief Rabban.
Hiram T. Graves.....	Assistant Rabban.
Brilsford P. Flint.....	High Priest.
Henry F. Gullixson.....	Oriental Guide.
Edwin White Newhall.....	Treasurer.
Victor D. Duboce (34 Steuart St.).....	Recorder.
George H. Thompson.....	First Cer. Master.
Courtland S. Benedict.....	Second Cer. Master.
Henry Edwards.....	Marshal.
William H. Smith.....	Captain of Guard.
Robert H. Mowbray.....	Outer Guard.
John H. Gray.....	Director.

Founded March 6, 1888.—Number of Members, 160.

✓ 20.—ISMAILIA TEMPLE, BUFFALO, N. Y.

Charles W. Cushman (37 Chapin Block).....	Potentate.
Frank T. Gilbert.....	Chief Rabban.
George L. Brown.....	Assistant Rabban.
John L. Brothers.....	High Priest.
Henry Smith.....	Oriental Guide.
Charles F. Bishop.....	Treasurer.
George L. Kingston (Room 17, Law Exchange).....	Recorder.
William S. Wicks.....	First Cer. Master.
Frank M. Foster.....	Second Cer. Master.
James W. Tift.....	Marshal.
James A. Given.....	Captain of Guard.
Charles R. Dunning.....	Outer Guard.
Oliver A. Jenkins.....	Director.

Founded November 5, 1887.—Number of Members, 87.

✓ 21.—JERUSALEM TEMPLE, NEW ORLEANS, LA.

Albert G. Brice (122 Gravier St.)	Potentate.
George J. Pinckard	Chief Rabban.
William T. Benedict	Assistant Rabban.
R. T. Slocomb	High Priest.
David R. Graham	Oriental Guide.
Arthur W. Hyatt	Treasurer.
Richard Lambert (P. O. Drawer 872)	Recorder.
George Soulé	First Cer. Master.
Charles A. Scott	Second Cer. Master.
J. J. McGinnis	Marshal.
Harry W. Benedict	Captain of Guard.
John W. Madden	Outer Guard.
Charles F. Buck	Director.

Founded March 30, 1885.—Number of Members, 42.

✓ 22.—KAABA TEMPLE, DAVENPORT, IOWA.

Lewis P. Dosh (Davenport, Iowa)	Potentate.
Henry Carse	Chief Rabban.
George R. Marvin	Assistant Rabban.
George M. Cook	High Priest.
William H. Smith	Oriental Guide.
Frank S. Hastings	Treasurer.
Cornelius J. Brown (306 E. Eighth St.)	Recorder.
Frederick W. Lerch	First Cer. Master.
John N. Davis	Second Cer. Master.
Thomas Murray	Marshal.
William F. Zimmerman	Captain of Guard.
Charles H. Reupke	Outer Guard.
Jarvis White	Director.

Founded (as Pyramid Temple) July 1, 1878.—Number of Members, 54.

✓ 23.—KISMET TEMPLE, BROOKLYN, N. Y.

Wayland Trask (18 Wall St., New York, N. Y.)	Potentate.
Nathan W. Josselyn	Chief Rabban.
Edwin Knowles	Assistant Rabban.
John W. Richardson	High Priest.
Franklin P. Swazey	Oriental Guide.
Gilbert G. Young	Treasurer.
Sydney F. Walker (P. O. Box 2032, New York, N. Y.)	Recorder.
Edwin A. Thrall	First Cer. Master.
Clark D. Rhinehart	Second Cer. Master.
Marion Grimes	Marshal.
Edward H. Quantin	Captain of Guard.
Godfrey Lincks	Outer Guard.
Alonzo Brymer	Director.

Founded July 2, 1887.—Number of Members, 151.

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24.—KOSAIR TEMPLE, LOUISVILLE, KY.

William Ryan (129 Breckinridge St.)	Potentate.
John A. Stratton	Chief Rabban.
Charles F. Hill	Assistant Rabban.
Clarence L. Martin	High Priest.
Charles A. Graham	Oriental Guide.
John Finzer	Treasurer.
Will E. Ryan (129 Breckinridge St.)	Recorder.
John F. Lewis	First Cer. Master.
Richard H. Higgins	Second Cer. Master.
George Pearce	Marshal.
E. C. Pearson	Captain of Guard.
George F. Evans	Outer Guard.
M. Cary Peter	Director.

Founded November 3, 1884.—Number of Members, 99.

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25 —LU LU TEMPLE, PHILADELPHIA, PA.

Joseph S. Wright (704 Market St.)	Potentate.
Ezra S. Bartlett	Chief Rabban.
Edward R. Spencer	Assistant Rabban.
Charles Laing	High Priest.
Philip C. Shaffer	Oriental Guide.
Michael F. Benerman	Treasurer.
Charles Cary (417 Walnut St.)	Recorder.
John A. S. Heath	First Cer. Master.
Jacob S. De Beust	Second Cer. Master.
Jacob L. Brallier	Marshal.
Alexander McCune	Captain of Guard.
Benjamin K. Paullin	Outer Guard.
Edward B. Jordan	Director.

Founded December 31, 1883.—Number of Members, 797.

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26.—MECCA TEMPLE, NEW YORK, N. Y.

Augustus W. Peters (60 Broadway)	Potentate.
Edward S. Innet	Chief Rabban.
Philip C. Benjamin	Assistant Rabban.
Charles H. Heyzer	High Priest.
James McGee	Oriental Guide.
Joseph M. Levey	Treasurer.
William S. Paterson (100 Reade St.)	Recorder.
James V. Kirby	First Cer. Master.
Hermon J. Emerson	Second Cer. Master.
Robert Dingwell	Marshal.
Valentine Hammann	Captain of Guard.
Theodore Reeves	Outer Guard.
Joseph B. Eakins	Director.

Organized September 26, 1872.—Number of Members, 1170.

✓ 27.—MEDINAH TEMPLE, CHICAGO, ILL

Martin Howard (Room 710, 218 La Salle St.).....	Potentate.
John A. May	Chief Rabban.
John H. Witbeck	Assistant Rabban.
M. R. Freshwaters	High Priest.
Thomas H. Currier	Oriental Guide.
James S. Carter	Treasurer.
Frank M. Luce (Room 17, C. & N. W. Ry. Pass. Depot).....	Recorder.
William M. Knight.....	First Cer. Master.
John H. Huyck.....	Second Cer. Master.
Chester S. Gurney.....	Marshal.
John E. Norton.....	Captain of Guard.
Archie McLellan.....	Outer Guard.
Thomas C. Penington.....	Director.

Founded October 30, 1882.—Number of Members, 644.

✓ 28.—MOILA TEMPLE, ST. JOSEPH, MO.

Walter J. Hilton (809 Francis St.).....	Potentate.
John D. Richardson, Jr.....	Chief Rabban.
James H. McCord.....	Assistant Rabban.
Maurice W. Steiner.....	High Priest.
William B. McNutt.....	Oriental Guide.
Ewald Padberg.....	Treasurer.
William A. Lord (P. O. Drawer 55).....	Recorder.
Nathan G. Getchell.....	First Cer. Master.
William M. Shepherd.....	Second Cer. Master.
Thomas F. Indermill.....	Marshal.
William G. Hall.....	Captain of Guard.
Daniel B. Moore.....	Outer Guard.
Joseph S. Browne.....	Director.

Founded December 1, 1887.—Number of Members, 34.

✓ 29.—MOOLAH TEMPLE, ST. LOUIS, MO.

Elisha B. Overstreet (2708 Dayton St.).....	Potentate.
Alphonso C. Stewart.....	Chief Rabban.
William H. Etter	Assistant Rabban.
William Walsh.....	High Priest.
Benjamin Lynds.....	Oriental Guide.
Hunter Ben Jenkins.....	Treasurer.
William H. Mayo (Masonic Hall)	Recorder.
August F. Donk.....	First Cer. Master.
Frank B. Filley	Second Cer. Master.
Hiram H. Steibel.....	Marshal.
J. Homer Kidson.....	Captain of Guard.
John W. Owen.....	Outer Guard.
James T. Ewing.....	Director.

Founded April 26, 1886.—Number of Members, 136.

✓ 30.—MOROCCO TEMPLE, JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA.

Charles H. Mallett (88 Laura St.)	Potentate.
Henry S. Ely	Chief Rabban.
John H. Stephens	Assistant Rabban.
William A. McLean	High Priest.
Thomas S. Wilmarth	Oriental Guide.
Otis L. Keene	Treasurer.
William L. Baldwin	Recorder.
Henry C. Crosthwaite	First Cer. Master.
Clayton D. Vanaman	Second Cer. Master.
Ward H. York	Marshal.
William A. Dunn	Captain of Guard.
Robert G. Brown	Outer Guard.
William L. Baldwin	Director.

Founded March 28, 1888.—Number of Members, 16.

✓ 31.—MOSLEM TEMPLE, DETROIT, MICH.

John B. Corliss (34 Canfield Av.)	Potentate.
Bruce Goodfellow	Chief Rabban.
Lou Burt	Assistant Rabban.
M. H. Chamberlain	High Priest.
F. I. Bailey	Oriental Guide.
Benjamin F. Haxton	Treasurer.
William M. Bailey (29 Miami Av.)	Recorder.
E. R. Harris	First Cer. Master.
J. M. Brown	Second Cer. Master.
W. H. Ellis	Marshal.
S. O. Johnson	Captain of Guard.
A. J. Arnold	Outer Guard.

Founded June 2, 1880.—Number of Members, 273.

✓ 32.—MOUNT SINAI TEMPLE, MONTPELIER, VT.

William A. Briggs (Montpelier, Vt.)	Potentate.
Frederick S. Fisher	Chief Rabban.
George L. Lane	Assistant Rabban.
Arlando N. Logan	High Priest.
Albro F. Nichols	Oriental Guide.
Frank H. Bascom	Treasurer.
William H. Herrick (Montpelier, Vt.)	Recorder.
J. Henry Jackson	First Cer. Master.
James E. Curran	Second Cer. Master.
James T. Sabin	Marshal.
Norman W. Frink	Captain of Guard.
James A. Erwin	Outer Guard.
William F. Lewis	Director.

Founded December 15, 1876.—Number of Members, 105.

✓ 33.—MURAT TEMPLE, INDIANAPOLIS, IND.

John T. Brush (Room 30, When Block).....	Potentate.
Theodore Pfafflin	Chief Rabban.
Joseph W. Smith	Assistant Rabban.
Byron K. Elliott.....	High Priest.
William H. Schmidt.....	Oriental Guide.
Charles F. Meyer.....	Treasurer.
Joseph W. Smith (4 Ingalls Block).....	Recorder.
Willis C. Vajen	First Cer. Master.
Ahira R. White.....	Second Cer. Master.
Chalmers Brown.....	Marshal.
Samuel A. Johnston.....	Captain of Guard.
John Saunders.....	Outer Guard.
Henry H. McGaffey.....	Director.

Founded March 13, 1884.—Number of Members, 184.

✓ 34.—ORIENTAL TEMPLE, TROY, N. Y.

Henry Stowell (5 Cannon Pl.)	Potentate.
James S. Toner.....	Chief Rabban.
William A. Lent.....	Assistant Rabban.
William Finder, Jr.....	High Priest
Isaac F. Handy.....	Oriental Guide.
Oliver Dexter, Jr.....	Treasurer.
Edward B. Cox (Troy, N. Y.).....	Recorder.
James H. Lloyd.....	First Cer. Master.
Robert Seitz.....	Second Cer. Master.
Stephen V. Sturtevant	Marshal.
John H. Tappin	Captain of Guard.
Charles Teson.....	Outer Guard.
George F. Greene.....	Director.

Founded February 6, 1877.—Number of Members, 126.

✓ 35.—OSIRIS TEMPLE, WHEELING, W. VA.

Alfred Paull (41 Twelfth St.).....	Potentate.
W. M. Bougher.....	Chief Rabban.
E. L. Rose.....	Assistant Rabban.
R. H. List.....	High Priest.
J. A. H. Parsons	Oriental Guide.
S. B. McCormick	Treasurer.
Matthew R. Wolff (Telephone Exchange)	Recorder.
Hugh Sterling.....	First Cer. Master.
George Giffen.....	Second Cer. Master.
George W. Atkinson.....	Marshal.
F. H. Warden.....	Captain of Guard.
T. W. Bliss.....	Outer Guard.
A. A. Franzheim.....	Director.

Founded July 22, 1886.—Number of Members, 32.

✓ 36.—OSMAN TEMPLE, ST. PAUL, MINN.

William H. S. Wright (Saint Paul, Minn.)	Potentate.
George R. Metcalf	Chief Rabban.
N. Ferre Lightner	Assistant Rabban.
Richard T. Flournoy	High Priest.
Russell C. Munger	Oriental Guide.
William Rhodes	Treasurer.
Orville G. Miller (63 East Third St.)	Recorder.
George Hunsaker	First Cer. Master.
William P. Jewett	Second Cer. Master.
Newton I. Willey	Marshal.
Manly B. Curry	Captain of Guard.
Jean C. Fischer	Outer Guard.
John T. Black	Director.

Founded June 20, 1885.—Number of Members, 126.

✓ 37.—PALESTINE TEMPLE, NEWPORT, R. I.

Clarence B. Mason (Newport, R. I.)	Potentate.
Robert S. Franklin	Chief Rabban.
William J. Huntington	Assistant Rabban.
Overton G. Langley	High Priest.
William W. Marvel	Oriental Guide.
John Waters	Treasurer.
Thomas C. Sherman (175 Thames St.)	Recorder.
William Carry	First Cer. Master.
Charles E. Chickering	Second Cer. Master.
Charles E. Burdick	Marshal.
Robert A. Mason	Captain of Guard.
James G. Topham	Outer Guard.

Founded January 28, 1886.—Number of Members, 93.

✓ 38.—PYRAMID TEMPLE, BRIDGEPORT, CONN.

Julius W. Knowlton (Bridgeport, Conn.)	Potentate.
Stephen T. Bartlett	Chief Rabban.
Hobart W. Watson	Assistant Rabban.
Edwin I. Pyle	High Priest.
Alpheus D. Dutton	Oriental Guide.
Henry Gardner	Treasurer.
E. Stewart Sumner (P. O. Box 1684)	Recorder.
Hugh Stirling	First Cer. Master.
David C. Mills	Second Cer. Master.
William J. Dorrance	Marshal.
Civilion Fones	Captain of Guard.
Rodney S. Bassett	Outer Guard.
Thaddeus B. Beecher	Director.

Founded April 18, 1877.—Number of Members, 281.

✓ 39.—RAMESES TEMPLE, TORONTO, CANADA.

George S. McConkey (155 Yonge St.)	Potentate.
H. A. Taylor	Chief Rabban.
L. Atkinson	Assistant Rabban.
Charles E. McDonald	High Priest.
James Glanville	Oriental Guide.
James A. McMurtry	Treasurer.
John Hetherington (72 Argyle St.)	Recorder.
H. O. Sonntag	First Cer. Master.
L. B. Montgomery	Second Cer. Master.
F. B. Lockwood	Marshal.
L. P. Tuttle	Captain of Guard.
W. H. H. Smith	Outer Guard.
J. H. Mattice	Director.

Founded April 21, 1887.—Number of Members, 49.

✓ 40.—SALAAM TEMPLE, OLNEY, ILL.

Gideon D. Slanker (Olney, Ill.)	Potentate.
John Von Gunten, Jr.	Chief Rabban.
Martin D. Foster	Assistant Rabban.
John H. Gunn	High Priest.
Rudolph F. Powers	Oriental Guide.
Robert N. Stotter	Treasurer.
William F. Beck (Olney Times Office)	Recorder.
John Kuster	First Cer. Master.
Nathan S. Marshall	Second Cer. Master.
Henry B. Goddard	Marshal.
Philip Raling	Captain of Guard.
I. O. Wolf	Outer Guard.
Harvey M. Hall	Director.

Founded January 1, 1884.—Number of Members, 34.

✓ 41.—SALADIN TEMPLE, GRAND RAPIDS, MICH.

George E. Pantlind (Grand Rapids, Mich.)	Potentate.
Richard D. Swartout	Chief Rabban.
Henry F. Hastings	Assistant Rabban.
Charles T. Hills	High Priest.
Charles B. Judd	Oriental Guide.
Edward D. Benedict	Treasurer.
Samuel E. Watson (14 Canal St.)	Recorder.
Frederick K. Baker	First Cer. Master.
George F. Buss	Second Cer. Master.
Heman N. Moore	Marshal.
Albert J. Elliott	Captain of Guard.
Frederick A. Holcomb	Outer Guard.
William P. Innes	Director.

Founded April 17, 1886.—Number of Members, 129.

✓ 42.—SALTANAT TEMPLE, LONDON, CANADA.

Andrew W. Porte (London, Canada).....	Potentate.
William Hawthorn.....	Chief Rabban.
Herbert C. Simpson.....	Assistant Rabban.
Wilber R. Vining.....	High Priest.
A. E. Cooper	Oriental Guide.
John A. Rose (London, Canada).....	Treasurer and Recorder.
Charles N. Spencer.....	First Cer. Master.
Alexander Irvine.....	Second Cer. Master.
Charles B. Hunt	Marshal.
R. F. Kingsmill.....	Captain of Guard.
Frederick J. Hood.....	Outer Guard.
Joseph Beck.....	Director.

Founded July 13, 1886.—Number of Members, 16.

✓ 43.—SESOSTRIS TEMPLE, LINCOLN, NEBRASKA.

James Tyler (1635 K St.).....	Potentate.
M. H. Garten.....	Chief Rabban.
M. H. Everett.....	Assistant Rabban.
Alfred G. Hastings.....	High Priest.
Walter C. Davis.....	Oriental Guide.
J. F. Morris	Treasurer.
Earl A. Cooley (1210 Q St.).....	Recorder.
Frank M. Glenn.....	First Cer. Master.
John H. McClay.....	Second Cer. Master.
Charles F. Damrow.....	Marshal.
A. D. Kitchen.....	Captain of Guard.
John Green.....	Outer Guard.
Alva E. Kennard.....	Director.

Founded June 22, 1887.—Number of Members, 46.

✓ 44.—SYRIA TEMPLE, PITTSBURGH, PA.

Thomas J. Hudson (Pittsburgh, Pa.).....	Potentate.
Arthur B. Wigley	Chief Rabban.
Americus V. Holmes.....	Assistant Rabban.
Geter C. Shidle.....	High Priest.
William S. Brown	Oriental Guide.
Joseph Eichbaum.....	Treasurer.
John J. Hazzard (P. O. Box 790).....	Recorder.
Job C. Bartlett.....	First Cer. Master.
Alfred B. Davitt.....	Second Cer. Master.
Henry H. Arnold.....	Marshal.
William M. Ramsey.....	Captain of Guard.
George C. Johnstone	Outer Guard.
Benjamin Darlington.....	Director.

Founded May 19, 1877.—Number of Members, 292.

✓ 45.—SYRIAN TEMPLE, CINCINNATI, OHIO.

William B. Melish (181 Walnut St.)	Potentate.
Charles H. Flach	Chief Rabban.
Charles H. Fish	Assistant Rabban.
Sherwood B. Markland	High Priest.
Joseph Kirkup	Oriental Guide.
Thomas Kite, Jr.	Treasurer.
Edward C. Harding (15 W. Third St.)	Recorder.
George T. Sterrett	First Cer. Master.
Frank G. Curry	Second Cer. Master.
Ralph Avery	Marshal.
William B. Carpenter	Captain of Guard.
James A. Hughes	Outer Guard.
William Michie	Director.

Founded November 6, 1876.—Number of Members, 266.

✓ 46.—TRIPOLI TEMPLE, MILWAUKEE, WIS.

Eugene S. Elliott (80 Wisconsin St.)	Potentate.
Luther L. Caufy	Chief Rabban.
Leroy C. Whitney	Assistant Rabban.
John W. Laflin	High Priest.
Frank B. Golley	Oriental Guide.
John E. Armitage	Treasurer.
George A. Schroeder (1129 Sycamore St.)	Recorder.
John L. Ferguson	First Cer. Master.
Charles P. Foster	Second Cer. Master.
Dwight W. Keyes	Marshal.
Thomas Spence	Captain of Guard.
Thomas M. Corbett	Outer Guard.

Founded March 9, 1885.—Number of Members, 158.

✓ 47.—ZIYARA TEMPLE, UTICA, N. Y.

Henry J. Coggeshall (Waterville, N. Y.)	Potentate.
Jacob Sheehe	Chief Rabban.
Charles W. Carpenter	Assistant Rabban.
E. L. Akehurst	High Priest.
Henry G. Beltz	Oriental Guide.
Charles E. Barnard	Treasurer.
George E. Thomas (Utica, N. Y.)	Recorder.
Herman Caley	First Cer. Master.
William Howarth	Second Cer. Master.
William T. Hoerlein	Marshal.
George D. Frank	Captain of Guard.
David J. Evans	Outer Guard.
M. J. Brayton	Director.

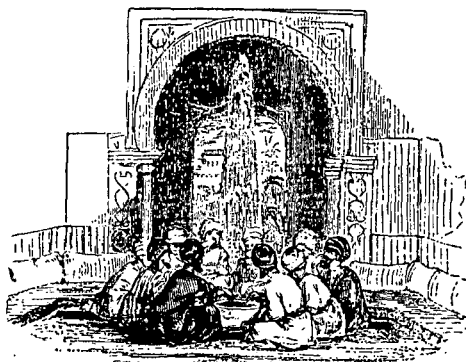
Founded October 30, 1877.—Number of Members, 166.

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48.—ZUHRAH TEMPLE, MINNEAPOLIS, MINN.

John A. Schlener (425 Nicollet Av.)	Potentate.
Hugh Kirkwood	Chief Rabban.
Joseph L. Dobbin	Assistant Rabban.
Robert G. Evans	High Priest.
Timothy E. Byrnes	Oriental Guide.
James M. Williams	Treasurer.
Albert A. Keith (P. O. Box 986)	Recorder.
Winslow M. Brackett	First Cer. Master.
Edward A. Sumner	Second Cer. Master.
Horace L. Daniels	Marshal.
William A. Spaulding	Captain of Guard.
William Cove	Outer Guard.
John P. Harrison	Director.

Founded July 25, 1885.—Number of Members, 109.





STATES WITH TEMPLES, JUNE 25, 1888.

1. CALIFORNIA.....Al Malaikah and Islam Temples.
2. COLORADO.....El Jebel Temple.
3. CONNECTICUT.....Pyramid Temple.
4. DAKOTA.....El Riad Temple.
5. DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA.....Almas Temple.
6. FLORIDA.....Morocco Temple.
7. ILLINOIS.....Medinah and Salaam Temples.
8. INDIANA.....Murat Temple.
9. IOWA.....El Kahir and Kaaba Temples.
10. KANSAS.....Abdallah and Isis Temples.
11. KENTUCKY.....Kosair Temple.
12. LOUISIANA.....Jerusalem Temple.
13. MARYLAND.....Boumi Temple.
14. MASSACHUSETTS.....Aleppo Temple.
15. MICHIGAN.....Moslem and Saladin Temples.
16. MINNESOTA.....Osman and Zuhrah Temples.
17. MISSOURI.....Ararat, Moila, and Moolah Temples.
18. MONTANA.....Algeria Temple.
19. NEBRASKA.....Sesostris Temple.
20. NEW MEXICO.....Ballut Abyad Temple.
21. NEW YORK.....Cyprus, Damascus, Ismailia, Kismet,
Mecca, Oriental, and Ziyara Temples.
22. OHIO.....Al Koran and Syrian Temples.
23. OREGON.....Al Kader Temple.
24. PENNSYLVANIA.....Lu Lu and Syria Temples.
25. RHODE ISLAND.....Palestine Temple.
26. TEXAS.....Hella Temple.
27. VERMONT.....Mount Sinai Temple.
28. VIRGINIA.....Acca Temple.
29. WEST VIRGINIA.....Osiris Temple.
30. WISCONSIN.....Tripoli Temple.
31. CANADA.....Rameses and Saltanat Temples.



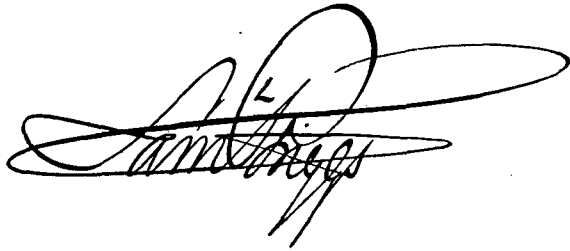
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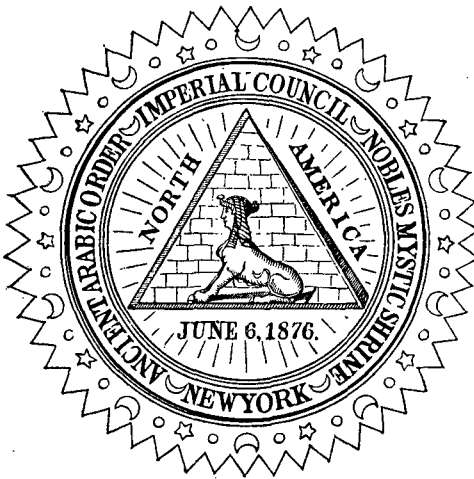
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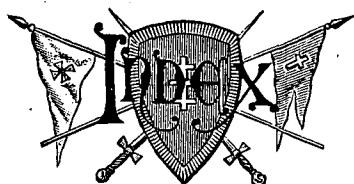
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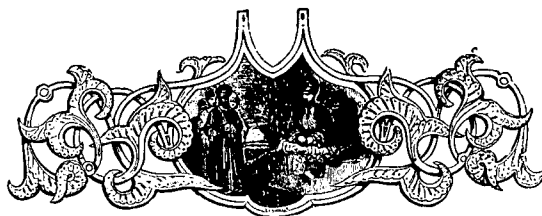
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